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Prologue

Once upon a time, long, long ago...

the Wize Wizard Wizdom chose to bestow the shape and intellect of humans upon beasts.

Wizdom

Thus were the Demi-human Tribes born.

The Tribes, seeking knowledge, built a marvelous, grand academy.

Demi-humans

The academy was dedicated to the study of wizardry, and in honor of their creator...

they named it Wizdom's.

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- Alan & Eddington -

The Gifted & The Average

LISTEN, I KNOW EVERYONE SAYS THAT...

BUT IF YOU CONSTANTLY PUSH YOURSELF AND STUDY **TOO** HARD...

IT'LL HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT, EDDINGTON.

.....

WHAT'S THE PROB-LEM?

IT'S JUST STUDYING.

IT'S NOT A CRIME OR ANYTHING.

IF YOU'RE NOT SUITED TO SOME-THING, YOU SHOULDN'T TRY TO FORCE IT.

TWIRL

IT MAKES NO DIFFER-ENCE TO ME.

TRUE.

DRIFT

HA HA HA!

FWAM

ACK!

LIKE YOU SAID, IT ISN'T A CRIME.

WHY HIDE IT, EDDIE?

JUST CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE *REALLY* READING.

WHAT WAS THAT FOR, ALAN?!

I'M NOT LIKE YOU, ALAN!

I...

STUDYING'S *HARD* FOR ME, OKAY?

SO LEAVE ME ALONE!

STOP DISTRACTING ME, WILL YOU?

E-ENOUGH!

LATER.

EDDIE...

YOU'VE BEEN AWFULLY STRANGE LATELY.

YOU'RE STANDOFFISH. YOU KEEP THINGS FROM ME.

BUT GOSH, I'M *SOOO* SORRY TO ***BOTHER*** YOU.

"STRANGE" ...?
I REALLY LOOK UP TO HIM.
THAT'S ALAN.
WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS HERE AT WIZDOM'S SCHOOL OF WIZARDING.
ALAN'S SO MUCH SMARTER THAN THE REST OF US. EVERYONE CALLS HIM GIFTED.
LATELY, THOUGH, HE'S BEEN SINGLING ME OUT AND PESTERING ME. I HAVE NO IDEA WHY.
SKF
I'M "STRANGE," HUH...?
HE'S A LITTLE WEIRD.

Labor.

NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS BLEND THEM TOGETHER...

Encyclopedia of Magical Medicines

WINE.

MANDRAKE ROOT.

SILVERVINE.

DONE!

I... I CAN'T BELIEVE I ACTUALLY MADE IT.

BUT...

MY MIND'S MADE UP. I'M GOING TO DO THIS.

HI, ALAN.

HEADING HOME, THEN?

AH.

I THINK I'M GOOD NOW.

NO, NOT TODAY.

UM...

OH, HEY. NOT RUSHING TO THE LIBRARY TO STUDY TODAY?

ARE YOU FREE RIGHT NOW?

AC- TUALLY...

SNACKS?

AHA!

YOU WERE STUDYING SO HARD TO LEARN TO MAKE THESE?

LET ME GUESS.

BISCUITS, HM?

YEAH. WELL, NOT THE DRINK.

DID YOU MAKE THESE?

OF COURSE NOT!

OKAY, I KINDA WAS...

UM! N-NO, NO!

THAT TOME YOU TRIED TO HIDE YESTERDAY?

FROM THE GLIMPSE I GOT AT THE PAGE YOU WERE READING, YOU WERE ACTUALLY STUDYING...

SHF

SPEAKING OF STUDYING...

FLINCH

LOVE POTIONS, WEREN'T YOU?

BREWING LOVE POTIONS IN SECRET, HUH? I GUESS YOU MUST HAVE A **CRUSH** ON SOMEONE!

HA! BULL'S-EYE.

N-NOPE! NOT ME!

NNH...

SLUMP

BLINK

WELL? I'M DYING TO KNOW. WHO DO YOU...

LIKE...

JUST GET REALLY HOT IN HERE...?

I FEEL SO... SO SLEEPY, AND... DID IT...

SORRY...

AH...!

SLEEPI-NESS. FLUSHED CHEEKS.

OVER-HEATING.

THOSE ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS!

YES! IT WORKED.

ALAN, THE POTION WAS...

FOR *YOU.*

INSTANT-LY.

ONE SIP MAKES YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH THE FIRST PERSON YOU SEE.

I SLIPPED IT INTO YOUR DRINK.

WHAT...?

REACH

THE DOWNSIDE IS HOW TEMPORARY IT IS.

BUT WHILE IT LASTS...

YOU'LL DO WHATEVER I ASK. NO MATTER WHAT IT IS.

ALAN...

UM...

I-I'D LIKE YOU TO...

TH-THMP

TH-THMP

AH...

ER...

TH-THMP

I WANT YOU TO...

YOU KNOW...

AH...

TH-THMP

K-KISS ME...

PLEASE.

Ah...

DO...

DO IT AGAIN.

Haah!

ALAN IS REALLY KISSING ME.

INCRED-IBLE.

Haah!

Haah!

FEELS SO RASPY.

HIS TONGUE ...

HIS CHEEKS ARE SOFT...

I WANT TO KEEP TOUCHING THEM.

ALAN?

ER...

S-SAY THAT YOU LOVE ME.

I LOVE YOU.

I LOVE YOU.

AGAIN.

AGAIN.

CLUTCH

I LOVE YOU.

LOVE...

BUT...

I MADE HIM SAY THAT.

IT'S NOT HOW HE REALLY FEELS.

ALAN...

THAT'S WHY I ADMIRE YOU SO MUCH.

BUT YOU'RE GREAT AT ALL OF THAT.

I'M BAD AT EVERY-THING.

SPORTS, CLASS, YOU NAME IT.

I DIDN'T WANT YOU PAYING ATTENTION TO ANYONE ELSE.

NEXT THING I KNEW...

BUT...

CLENCH

WHEN YOU STARTED TALKING TO ME, I WAS OVER THE MOON.

EVEN IF IT WAS JUST TEASING, I DIDN'T MIND.

MY HEART RACES.

I THINK ABOUT YOU CONSTANTLY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ANYMORE.

THE MORE I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THE MORE INTENSE IT GOT!

IT ONLY GOT WORSE.

WHEN I FIGURED OUT WHAT I WAS FEELING...

ALAN, I...

I THINK...

I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU!

BUT...

IT'D NEVER WORK.

I REALLY AM.

SNIFL

I KNOW YOU'D HATE ME IF I DID. I WAS PLANNING TO KEEP IT SECRET FOREVER.

BUT...

KEEPING IT IN WAS SO HARD. MY HEART FELT LIKE IT WOULD BURST.

IT WAS DRIVING ME MAD.

I COULD NEVER TELL YOU THIS FOR REAL.

THIS WAS ALL I COULD THINK OF.

I HAD TO DO IT.

BUT... I DON'T WANT TO LOSE OUR FRIENDSHIP. I WANT TO KEEP BEING AROUND YOU.

OKAY. WHEN THE POTION WEARS OFF...

WHEN THEY WAKE UP, THEY WON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED WHILE THEY WERE UNDER ITS INFLUENCE.

THE SUBJECT WILL FALL INTO A DEEP SLEEP.

I'M SORRY, ALAN.

AND GUILTY.

I STILL FEEL REALLY AWKWARD ABOUT IT.

STILL...

I ACTUALLY DID THAT. EVEN IF HE'S FOR-GOTTEN...

GAH ?!

MORNIN'

I JUST HAVE TO ACT LIKE NOTHING EVER HAPPENED. RIGHT. THAT'S ALL.

I REMEMBER THE SNACKS WERE TASTY, THOUGH. THANKS.

IT'S WEIRD, BUT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S ALL A BLUR.

OH.

I-I'M GLAD.

Ha ha...

HUH?! UM! N-NO ...!

SORRY, DID I SCARE YOU?

DRAT. I FORGOT SOMETHING.

COME WITH ME A SEC, OKAY?

HUH?

HEY--!

OH.

A.C.S.

KREE

HM?

EDDIE.

.....

HONESTLY, ALAN, WHAT'D YOU FORGET? WE'LL BE LATE FOR CLASS!

HERE'S A TIP.

WH-WHA??

HUH?!

ER--!

YOU MIXED IT WITH MY DRINK, SO...

DILUTING A LOVE POTION IN ANOTHER LIQUID DILUTES ITS **EFFECTS,** TOO.

YOU SHOULD'VE ADDED A FORGETFULNESS POTION TO TRIGGER THE MEMORY LOSS.

AAH!!

YOU MUST'VE REALLY LIKED IT--

YOU **BEGGED** FOR MORE THAN ONE KISS.

GAPE

Heh heh.

GAPE

UM!

ER...!

AH!

I BET A FELINE TONGUE FEELS RASPY, HUH?

DO YOU THINK I'M A GOOD KISSER?

WELL?

Nyah!

Y- YOU'RE RIGHT! I KNOW!

I WANT THE GROUND TO SWALLOW ME!

THAT'S WORSE THAN UNFAIR. IT'S A CHEAP MOVE.

IF YOU COULDN'T ADMIT YOUR FEELINGS WITHOUT A POTION, OBVIOUSLY YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE POSSIBILITY OF REJECTION.

THAT WAS A COWARDLY THING TO DO, EDDIE.

AH, WELL.

*I DIDN'T EXACTLY EXPECT HIM TO USE IT ON **ME**.*

SO EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY?

IT DOESN'T COUNT.

TELL ME YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME.

WE START OVER. RIGHT HERE. RIGHT NOW. SAY IT, AND I'LL FORGIVE YOU.

GYAA-AAH!!

WHILE YOU SOB ADORABLY IN EMBARRASSMENT.

THEN YOU HAVE TO CAREFULLY SPELL OUT ALL THE REASONS YOU LOVE ME...

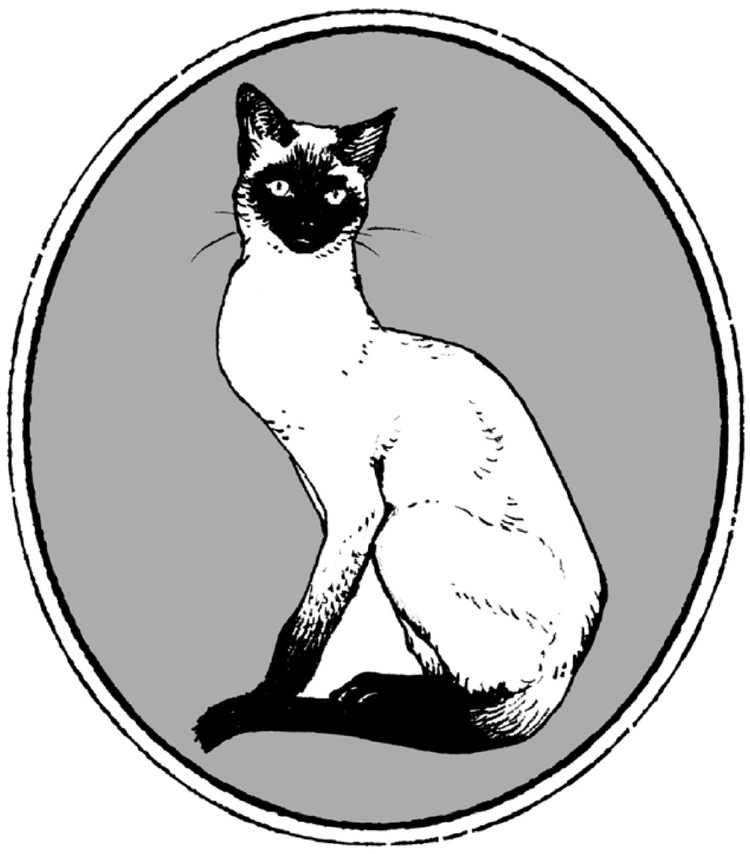
HM? WHAT'S WRONG? DON'T YOU WANT FORGIVENESS?

ALAAAN! DON'T BE SUCH A TEASE!

◆ END ◆

CAT

Felis



Carnivora | Felidae *Felis*

Felines are lithe animals with well-muscled bodies, keen senses, quick reflexes, and tremendously effective teeth and claws. Adapted for stealth, their fur patterns provide camouflage, while their eyes--with pupils that open wide--and their sensitive whiskers help them maneuver in the dark.

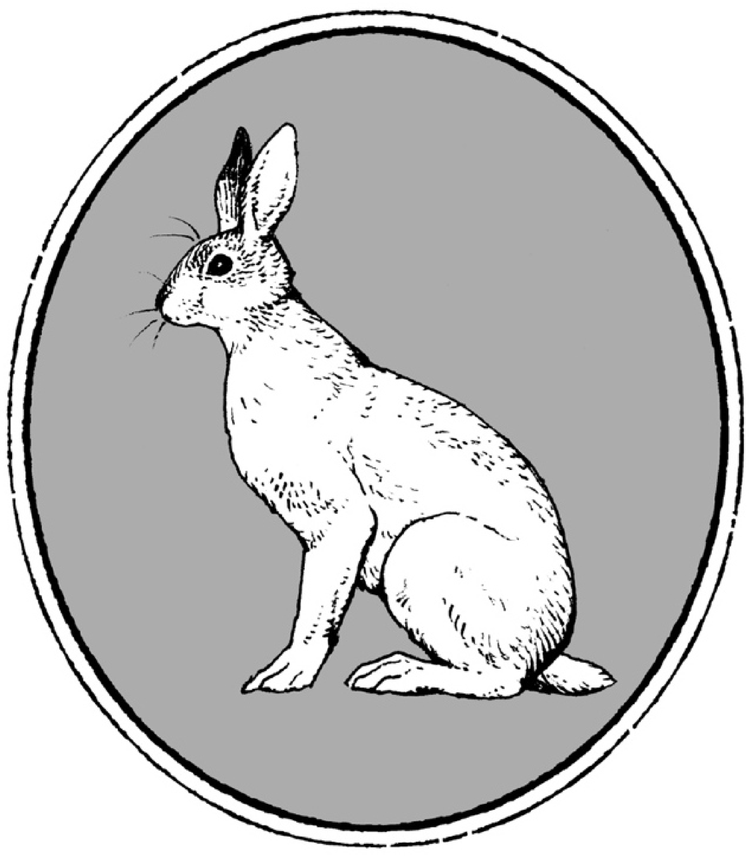
Their tongues have spines called papillae that function as a stiff brush for grooming themselves and scraping meat from prey bones. Siamese cats, a distinctive Asian breed, are known for having strong personalities and for being social, affectionate, intelligent, and occasionally arrogant. They can be incredibly loyal to any human they accept as "theirs."

Lagomorpha | Leporidae *Lepus*

Hares have not one but two sets of front incisors. They are the only mammal with kinetic—that is, jointed—skulls. They have extremely large ears, and their eyes are set on the sides of their head, allowing for a 360-degree field of vision. As prey animals, they have evolved extra-large and powerfully muscled hindquarters, which allow them to reach speeds up to 56 kilometers and evade predators. The fur on the base of their paws gives them firm traction when they run. Hares are herbivorous and have high birthrates to help them maintain their population despite predation. Stimulation from copulation is what induces a female hare to ovulate. Unlike rabbits, hares are solitary animals.

HARE

Lepus



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Those with intellect ...

and those with-out.

The Wize Wizard Wizdom saw fit to create two types of beasts.

That is their lot in life.

If the Lesser Beasts did not exist, the laws of nature would soon assert them-selves over the demi-humans, and...

They exist to fill the bellies of the demi-humans and to provide drink and clothing.

Lesser Beasts.

Those with intellect went on to become the Demi-human Tribes. Those without are referred to as...

FWAP FWOP FWUP

they would begin eating **each other.**

BLINK

YOU AGAIN.

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Florio & Nicol

The Hunter & The Hunted

AND YOU, NICOL!

YAWN!

HAVE YOU NO SHAME, FLORIO?

IT ASTOUNDS ME--SIMPLY *ASTOUNDS* ME!--HOW BRAZENLY YOU SLEEP THROUGH MY LECTURES ALL YEAR ROUND.

DON'T JUST SIT THERE AND PASSIVELY LET HIM USE YOU AS A PILLOW!

HOW ABOUT YOU ***WAKE*** THE GREAT LOUT FOR ONCE?

YES, SIR...

OH BOY.

AN-OTHER RANT.

MUTTER

MUTTER

CHILDREN THESE DAYS. THEY'RE ALL WOEFULLY LACKING IN PROPER ATTENTIVE-NESS.

BIING

BOONG...

I'LL QUIZ YOU ON WHAT YOU SLEPT THROUGH.

COME TO MY ATELIER AFTER CLASS.

PAFF

WILL DO.

THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY. DISMISSED!

KLATTA KLOTTA KLATTA

ZWISH

FLORIO!

FWIF

USING ME FOR A PILLOW IN CLASS! DROOLING ALL OVER MY UNIFORM!

WHEN YOU'RE GROGGY ENOUGH, YOU EVEN **BITE** ME!

YOU CAN'T KEEP DOING THAT!

OOPS! I'M SORRY. I WON'T DO IT AGAIN.

SO YOU'VE SAID TEN TIMES.

YOU GREAT FUR-BRAIN OF A WOLF!

YAAAWN!

I'M SORRY, NICOL. HONEST. FORGIVE ME?

'KAY?

IF YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST SLEEP IN CLASS...

AT LEAST TRY NOT TO INTERRUPT THE LECTURE!

RAWR!

AWW, BUT YOU'RE SO TINY AND CUTE...

AND YOU'RE TOO BIG EVEN *WITHOUT* A SWELLED HEAD!!

DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A KID!

OUCH!

BONK

YOU'RE JUST HUNGRY! AS ALWAYS!

I'M SORRY! I MEAN IT! HERE, I'LL TREAT YOU TO SUPPER. COME TO THE CAFETERIA WITH ME?

AW〰!

AND I WON'T LET YOU SEE MY NOTES, EITHER!!

I'LL NEVER TUTOR YOU AGAIN!

THAT'S IT! YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!

THERE'S TARAN-TULA SAUTÉ ...

ANA-CONDA PASTA ...

AND EVEN WHOLE ROAST GOAT!

IT ALL LOOKED SO TASTY...!

BUT, NICOL ...

WHERE DOES THE ENERGY GO? YOU'RE ALWAYS ASLEEP!

YOU SURE EAT A LOT.

STAB

YOU SURE THAT'S ENOUGH, NICOL?

WHY WOULDN'T IT BE?

DON'T YOU "HEH HEH" ME.

Heh heh!

I JUST HAD TO GET ONE OF EACH.

AH.

I DON'T EAT FOR AN ARMY, UNLIKE YOU.

A PLATE OF FRESH CABBAGE LEAVES AND SOME ROCK SALT IS PLENTY.

I DON'T EAT *THAT* MUCH...

OH. GUESS IT WOULD.

YES.

DID IT HURT?

OOPS. I'M SORRY.

AS I SAID, A CERTAIN **SOMEONE** BITES IN HIS SLEEP.

A BITE MARK.

NOBODY LIKES GETTING HURT.

UM, IF IT LOOKS LIKE I'M ABOUT TO DO IT AGAIN, WAKE ME, OKAY?

N- NOTHING! NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS...

YOU LUMMOX!

ANYWAY!

KTUNK

HM? SORRY?

MUTTER

IT'S...

NOT *THAT* BAD.

DON'T MISS IT, OR YOU REALLY WILL GET HELD BACK.

YIKES!

OH... GUESS WE WON'T BE GOING HOME TOGETHER, HUH?

I WAS HOPING TO HITCH A RIDE ON YOUR BROOM-STICK.

UGH! OKAY, OKAY. I'LL WAIT FOR YOU.

NOW SCRAM!

YOU HAVE A QUIZ TO TAKE, DON'T YOU?

??

O... KAY?

IF YOU MUST BITE SOMETHING, BITE THE LESSERS!

THE DOLT.

I WISH HE'D STOP CAUSING ME SO MUCH TROUBLE.

WHAT A HOPELESS FUR-BRAIN.

AH-HEM!

STUPID ...

PERFECT TIMING, YOUNG NICOL.

ABOUT FLORIO'S MAKEUP QUIZ...

COULD I ASK YOU TO PROCTOR IT FOR ME?

ME, SIR?!

Ah!

PROFESSOR CROMWELL!

NOW I MUST GO DEAL WITH IT.

SOME WRETCHED MISCREANTS HAVE BROKEN THE WINDOW IN THE GREAT HALL.

OH...

YES. SOMETHING'S COME UP THAT I MUST SEE TO.

Yikes

I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU, THEN.

MUTTER

MUTTER

HONESTLY! CHILDREN THESE DAYS...

AH! PROFESSOR, WAIT...!

SHE-ESH ...

KREEEK

A-08

OF COURSE HE'S ASLEEP.

I'M SURPRISED EVEN HE CAN CONK OUT MID-TEST.

FLORIO! RISE AND SHINE!

OTHER-WISE I'LL GIVE YOU A GOOD THWACK!

FLUMP

SWF

PLUNK

HONEST-LY...

ZZ
ZZ

BE GENTLER WITH PEOPLE'S THINGS, WOULD YOU?

FUR-BRAINED WOLF!

MAKING A SOGGY MESS OF SOMEONE ELSE'S NOTES!

UGH...

NUZL NUZL...

FWIP FWI-FWIP

WHAT AM I EVEN DOING...?

I TOLD HIM TO STOP USING ME AS A PILLOW.

Zz Zz

BUT HERE I AM, LETTING HIM DO IT AGAIN.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?

AND WHEN HE'S NOT DOZING ON ME, HE...

GRIP

I WAS WAITING FOR HIM TO DO THIS.

IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE WANTS TO **EAT** ME... IT'S LIKE HE'S BITING FOR THE SAKE OF IT.

HIS FANGS SLOWLY SINKING INTO MY FLESH...

THROB

THROB

EACH TOOTH LEAVES A TINY PINPRICK OF PAIN...

IT'S ALL A LITTLE FRIGHTENING...

MY NECK ...

HIS BREATH ...

BUT A LITTLE EXHILARATING, TOO.

SHVR...

"NOBODY LIKES GETTING HURT."

IT'S NOT THAT BAD. I DON'T HATE IT.

IN FACT ...

(Haah...

I TELL HIM NOT TO BITE ME, THEN I SIT DOWN AND LET HIM DO JUST THAT.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?

NWAH...

YAAAWN!

Aah~!

THAT WAS A NICE NAP.

HM?

'CAUSE WHENEVER YOU'RE AROUND...

WHILE I NAP...

Y'KNOW, I KINDA KNEW...

YOU WERE HERE.

I SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS.

PROFESSOR CROMWELL HAD TO DO SOMETHING.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, NICOL?

OH.

Ack!

UH-OH. DID I DO IT AGAIN?

I'M REALLY SORRY.

WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST WAKE ME UP...

FLORIO?

YES.

DID IT HURT?

ON YOUR NECK THIS TIME?

HUH?

WHY DO YOU BITE ME?

UGH!

I'M ASKING IF YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR **REASON,** OR IF YOU'RE JUST BEING DUMB!

FUR-BRAIN!

HUH?

UH... WHY? I-I DON'T GET IT.

ER...

I DO. REALLY. IT'S JUST...

UM! I-I DO HAVE A REASON!

WELL? WHICH IS IT?

Y'SEE...

AND, UM...

I THOUGHT MAYBE...

THAT'D MAKE YOU ***MAD*** OR SOME-THING.

IT'S BECAUSE I... I **REALLY LIKE** YOU.

WHAT...?

MAD?

TH-THMP

TH-THMP

TH-THMP

TH-THMP

TH-THMP

BASICALLY, UH...

UM...

IT'S... KINDA LIKE... MARKING?

TH-THMP

I... I DUNNO HOW TO SAY IT RIGHT.

TH-THMP

WHAT IT MEANS IS JUST... UH...

TH-THMP

GURGL

BONK

OW!

STMP

I'M SORRY, NICOL!

YOU FUR-BRAIN!

UGH! I CANNOT BELIEVE YOU! HOW DUMB CAN YOU BE?!

STMP

NICOO-OOOL...! WAIT!

STMP

YOU SEE ME AS **FOOD!** ADMIT IT!

YOU WERE IMPLYING THAT YOU WANT TO EAT ME SOMEDAY!

"MARKING," MY SHORT, FLUFFY TAIL!

BUT JUST NOW I WASN'T --!

LIAR!

I MEAN, I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT TAKING A BITE ONCE OR TWICE...

I PROMISE I WASN'T THINKING ABOUT HOW TASTY YOU LOOK!

WSH

NICOL, I SAID I'M SORRY!

I REALLY DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY!

GLUTTON WOLF!

OVER-SIZED LESSER!

FUZZ FOR BRAINS!

AH!

SIGH

I REALLY DIDN'T.

I JUST WANT TO LEAVE A MARK... A SIGN...

IT'S NOT THAT I WANT TO **EAT** YOU.

TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW THAT YOU'RE MINE.

BUT IF I SAID THAT, HE'D PROBABLY GET MAD AGAIN.

AWROOO—

AWROOO—

NICOOOL!

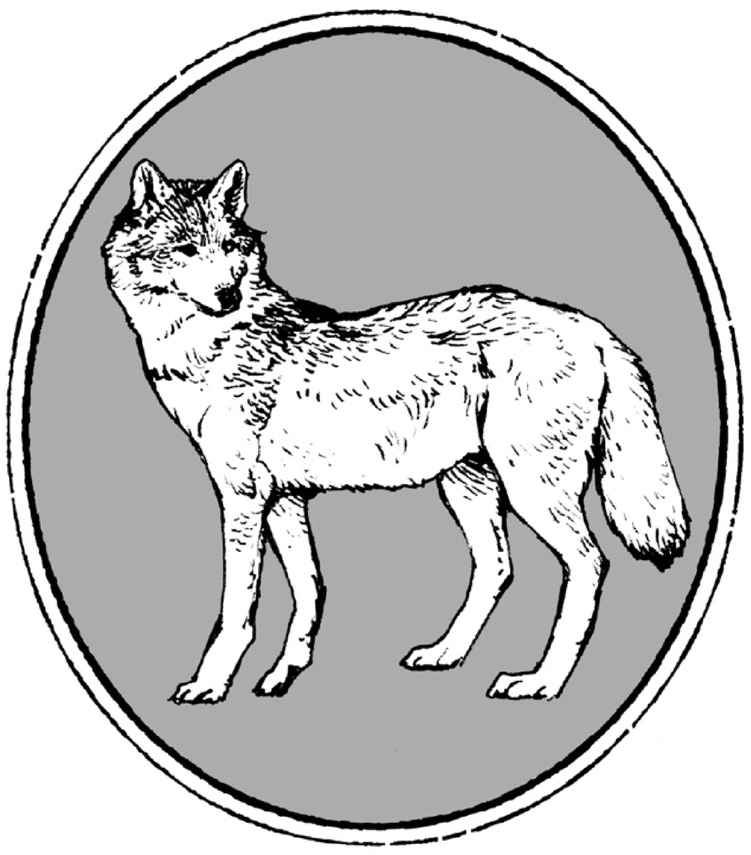
NICOL SAID HE'D LET ME HITCH A RIDE HOME ON HIS BROOM!

OH! I FORGOT !!

◆ END ◆

GRAY WOLF

Canis lupus

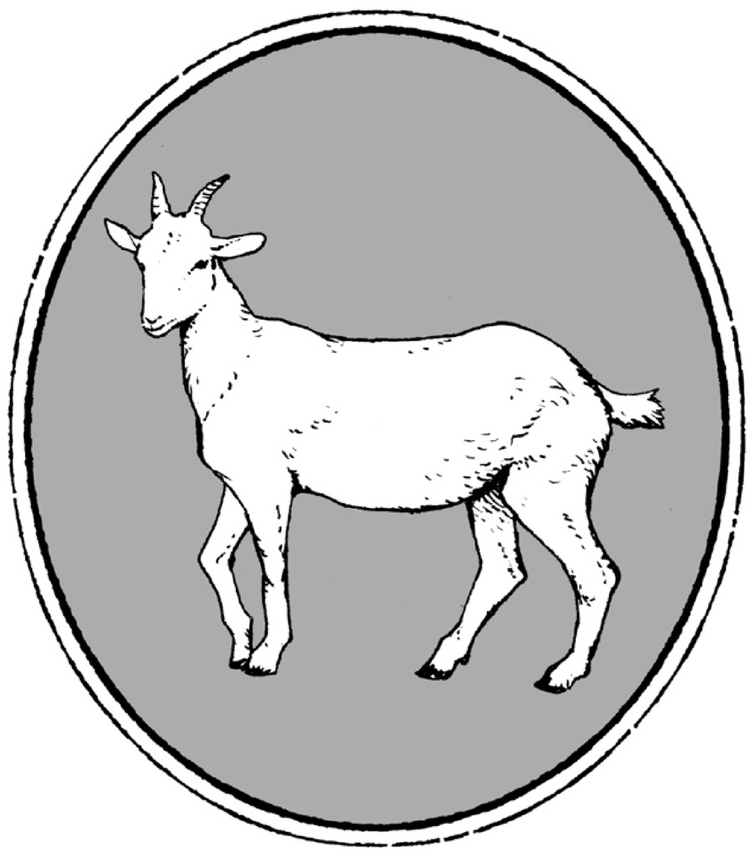


Carnivora | Canidae *Canis*

Gray wolves are patient, highly adaptable predators. Their entire bodies are muscular, but their hindquarters are especially tough and powerful. They have long, narrow jaws that sport highly developed canines and carnassial teeth. At the end of their narrow muzzle sits a sensitive nose, which they use to hunt and track prey. It is so keen that they can smell individual prey animals from up to 1.5 kilometers away. Gray wolves are a gregarious species, living in groups called packs and protecting a communal territory that they mark with their urine. They are an extremely emotive species, using their scents, body language such as tail-wagging and licking, and vocalizations like yips and howls to communicate.

GOAT

Capra



Artiodactyla | Bovidae *Capra*

Goats are closely related to sheep and cows. Living in large groups called herds, they can be found in a variety of geographical areas, from high mountain pastures and cliffs to grassy plains and forests. They are prey animals and herbivores, eating primarily grass, leaves, and twigs, which they digest in a four-chambered stomach. Males and females alike grow two short, curving horns, and their wide-set eyes and horizontally split pupils give them panoramic vision while reducing the sun's glare. Their eyes can rotate up to fifty degrees in their sockets, letting them keep watch in multiple directions while they eat. Aside from keen vision, they also have large, sharp ears and a remarkable sense of smell.

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NOK
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PROFESSOR FERMAT?

IT'S EMIL.

ENTER.

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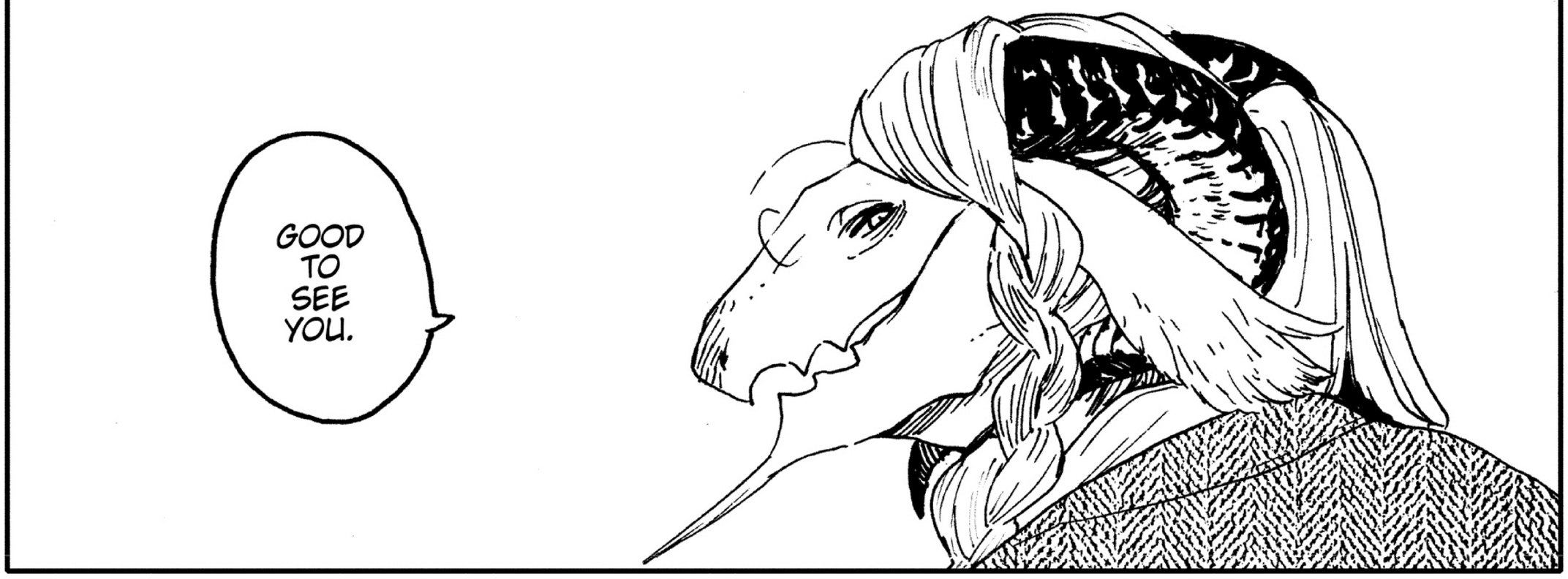
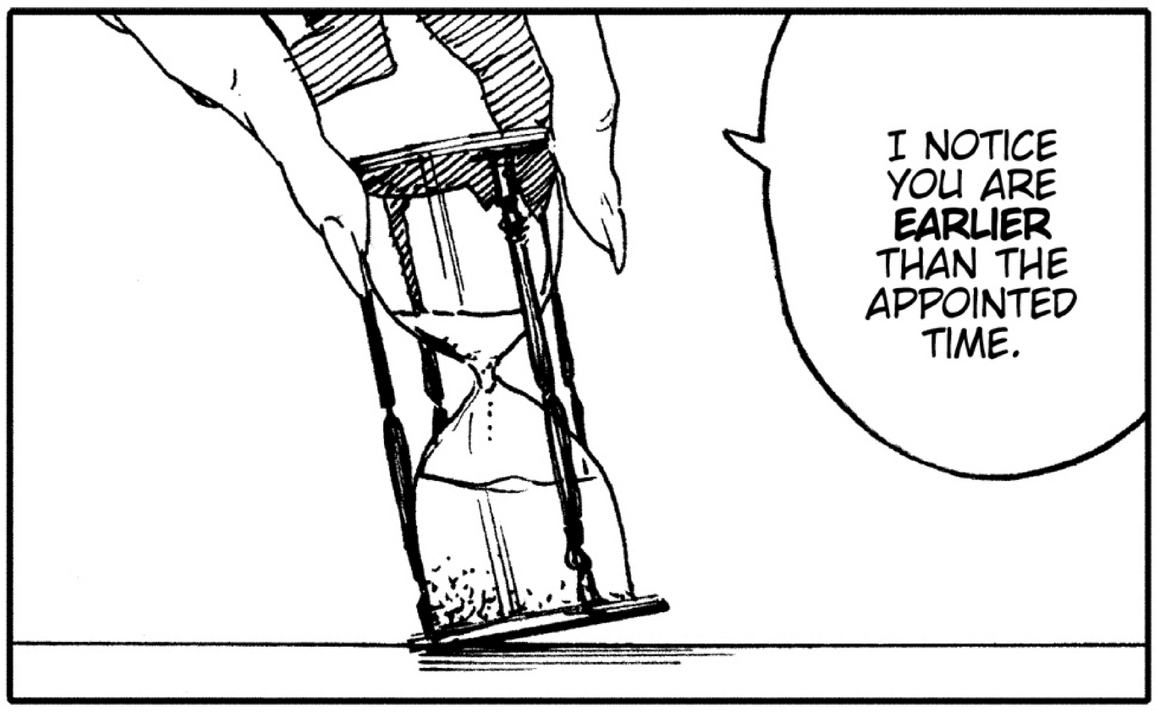
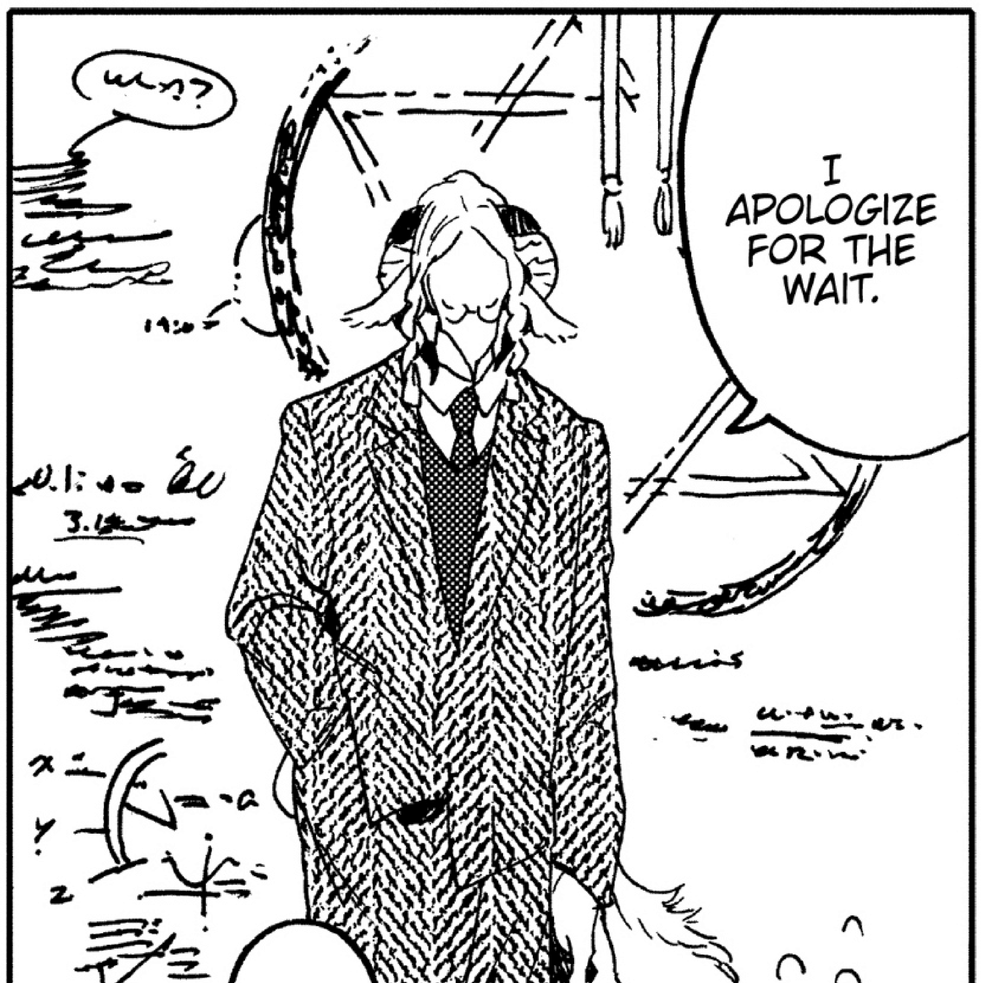
-Fermat & Emil-

The Teacher & The Pupil

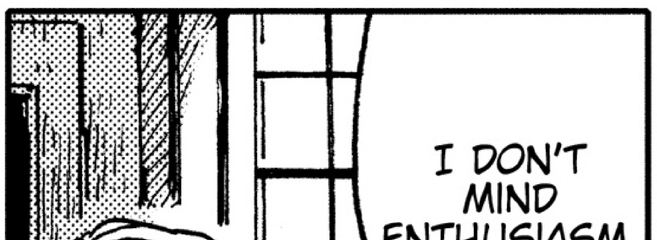


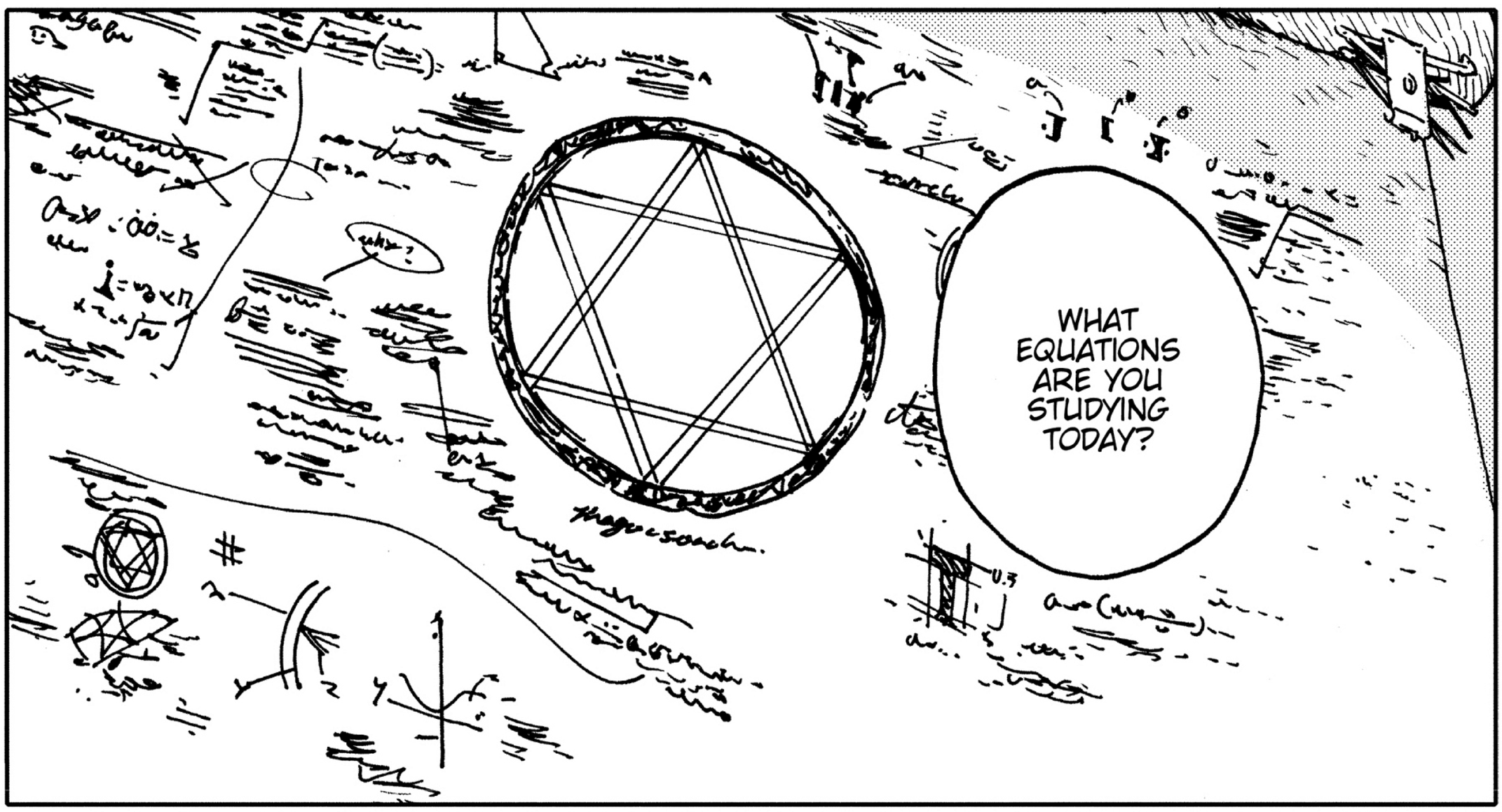
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER
I DON'T MIND. TAKE A SEAT.
NO, NO.
I'M SORRY TO DISTURB YOU WHEN YOU'RE BUSY, SIR.
SKIRCH
SKRIBL
SKRIBL
SKRIBL
MUMBL.
MUMBL...


I NOTICE YOU ARE EARLIER THAN THE APPOINTED TIME.


HM?
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE WAIT.
AH!
I-IT'S ALL RIGHT, SIR!

PRO-FESSOR ...


I DON'T MIND ENTHUSIASM, BUT--
ACK! I'M SORRY!


WHAT EQUATIONS ARE YOU STUDYING TODAY?

WHAT EFFECTS WILL ERRORS OF VARYING TYPES AND SIZES IN ITS INSCRIBING HAVE UPON THE RESULTANT SPELL?

I HAVE BEEN SOLVING FOR A FORMULA TO **ILLUSTRATE** THOSE RATIOS.

I HAVE BEEN ANALYZING THIS ARCANE MATRIX SINCE LAST WEEK.

I AM NO EXCEP-TION.

THOSE OF THE DRAGON TRIBE ARE LONG-LIVED, AND THUS WELL SUITED TO LONG, SCHOLARLY PURSUITS.

I HAVE BEEN STUDYING MATHEMATICS FOR OVER SIX CEN-TURIES.

OF COURSE.

SHWAK

WOW! THAT'S AMAZING, PROFESSOR!

MATHEMATICS IS **TRUTH** GIVEN **FORM.**

AS DISCIPLINES, MATHEMATICS AND MAGIC ARE CLOSE COUSINS.

IT IS CAPABLE OF TAKING ANY ABSTRACT CONCEPT AND GIVING IT CONCRETE SHAPE.

Mathematics

The world

Natural

Magical

VOLUME. SHAPE. CHANGES. SPACE. LIKE THE MAGIC WE WIELD...

SOMEDAY, IT WILL BE A CRITICAL TOOL IN ILLUMINATING THE MYSTERIES OF OUR WORLD.

IT IS ELEGANT. IT IS PRECISE. IT ALWAYS PRESENTS A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE TRUTH.

THE IGNORANT DRIVEL THEY SOMETIMES SPOUT IS ASTOUND-ING.

THEY BELIEVE MATHEMATICS TO BE NECESSARY ONLY IN **BOOK-KEEPING.**

THERE ARE STILL UNLEARNED, MYOPIC ***FOOLS*** WHO CONFUSE THE DISCIPLINE OF MAGIC FOR SOMETHING FANTASTICAL.

SKRIBL SKRIBL SKRIBL SKRIBL SKRIBL SKRIBL

AND YET...

MATHE-MATICS IS...

.....

THAT IS THE MOST CRITICAL THING TO DEMONSTRATE TO THEM! THIS IS MEANINGFUL, **VITAL** RESEARCH!

A HOBBY, THEY CALL IT. A MERE ***PASTIME.*** *FAH!* THIS IS NO FRIVOLOUS WASTE OF TIME!

THEY ARE THE FOOLS, YET THEY TREAT ***ME*** AS AN ECCENTRIC WHO MERELY PLAYS WITH NUMBERS.

SKRIBL SKRIBL SKRIBL SKRIBL SKRIBL

TUNK

ENOUGH. I AM RAMBLING.

GOOD.

DID YOU COMPLETE YOUR ASSIGN-MENT?

YES, SIR.

GET OUT YOUR THINGS.

SHUV FWAP FWOP FA-FWUP

YES, SIR.

LET'S CONTINUE WHERE WE LEFT OFF YESTERDAY.

Q 8

Q 9

LET ME SEE.

IN-CORRECT.

WHY, SIR?

.....

DO YOU KNOW WHY?

YOU REACHED THE CORRECT ANSWER, BUT YOUR METHOD WAS INCORRECT.

RECALL WHAT I TAUGHT YOU YESTERDAY.

ALLOW ME TO PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE.

YES, SIR.

UNDERSTAND **HOW** IT WORKS AND ADAPT IT TO YOUR NEEDS.

A FORMULA IS NOT A MOLD YOU PLUG NUMBERS INTO TO FIND AN ANSWER.

TAKE THIS AND...

CHOOSE A SYMBOL TO REPRESENT THE MISSING NUMBER.

TAKE THIS AND...

THERE.

SHF

HM?

OH! Y-YES, SIR!

THAT IS HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

WHOOPS! DRAT! I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ...!

AND HE IS, LIKE ME, OF THE DRAGON TRIBE.

EMIL IS AN ORPHAN.

HE COMMUTES HERE FROM DIA ORPHANAGE, IF I RECALL RIGHTLY.

HIS APPARENT INABILITY TO TAKE A HINT IS REMARK-ABLE.

HE BEGAN VISITING ME A MONTH AGO, AND HAS YET TO MISS A DAY.

ANY TIME NOT SPENT ON MY RESEARCH IS TIME THAT IS WASTED.

WORST OF ALL...

AND YET...

LET ME SEE.

PROFESSOR, I'M FINISHED. HOW'S THIS?

THERE!

YES. IT IS WELL DONE.

REALLY, SIR?

VERY GOOD.

IT'S CORRECT.

YOU'VE ACHIEVED PERFECTLY REASON-ABLE COM-PETENCE.

GIVEN YOUR TENDER AGE...

FWIP

NOW, THEN.

DO THIS PROBLEM NEXT.

IT IS AN APPLICATION OF THE FORMULA IN THE PREVIOUS...

ON TO THE NEXT CHAPTER.

?

EMIL.

I DETEST AMBIGUITY AND LACK OF CLARITY.

REMEMBER MATHEMATICS.

I-IT'S NOTHING, SIR...!

ER!

WHAT IS IT?

GRIP

UM...

SPEAK PLAINLY.

A...
A
PAT...

PATS?

I SEE.

IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

UM...

N-NEVER MIND...

LAST TIME I WAS CORRECT ...

YOU, UH...

YOU PATTED ME ON THE HEAD, SIR.

GRACIOUS.

ARE YOU SATISFIED...

SUCH A FUSS OVER SUCH A TINY GESTURE.

NOW...?

OH, GOSH.

I-I'M SORRY, SIR.

RUB RUB

ACK!

AH! DID THAT HURT?

HUH?

I HAVE NO IDEA WHY THAT HAPPENED.

THAT'S SO STRANGE.

IT'S SO REASSURING.

IT'S JUST... WHEN IT'S YOU, SIR...

O-OH! YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

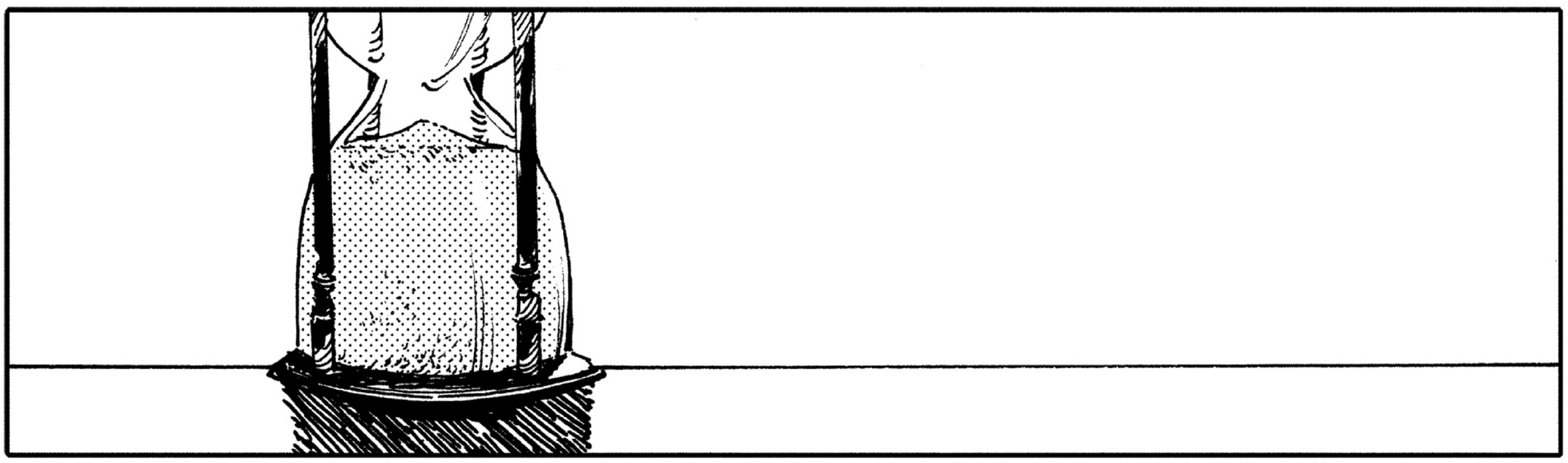
ARE YOU QUITE FINISHED?

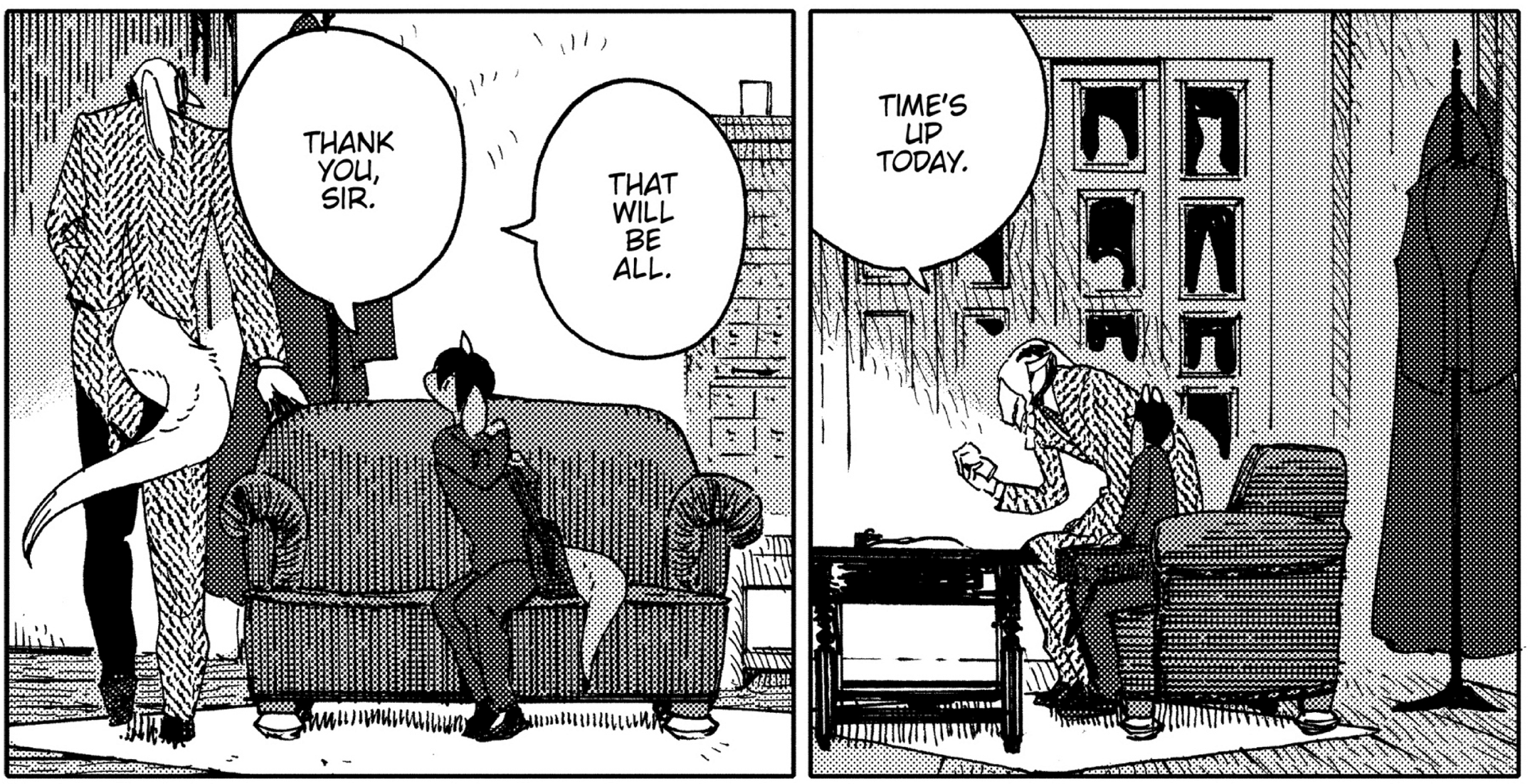
YES, SIR!

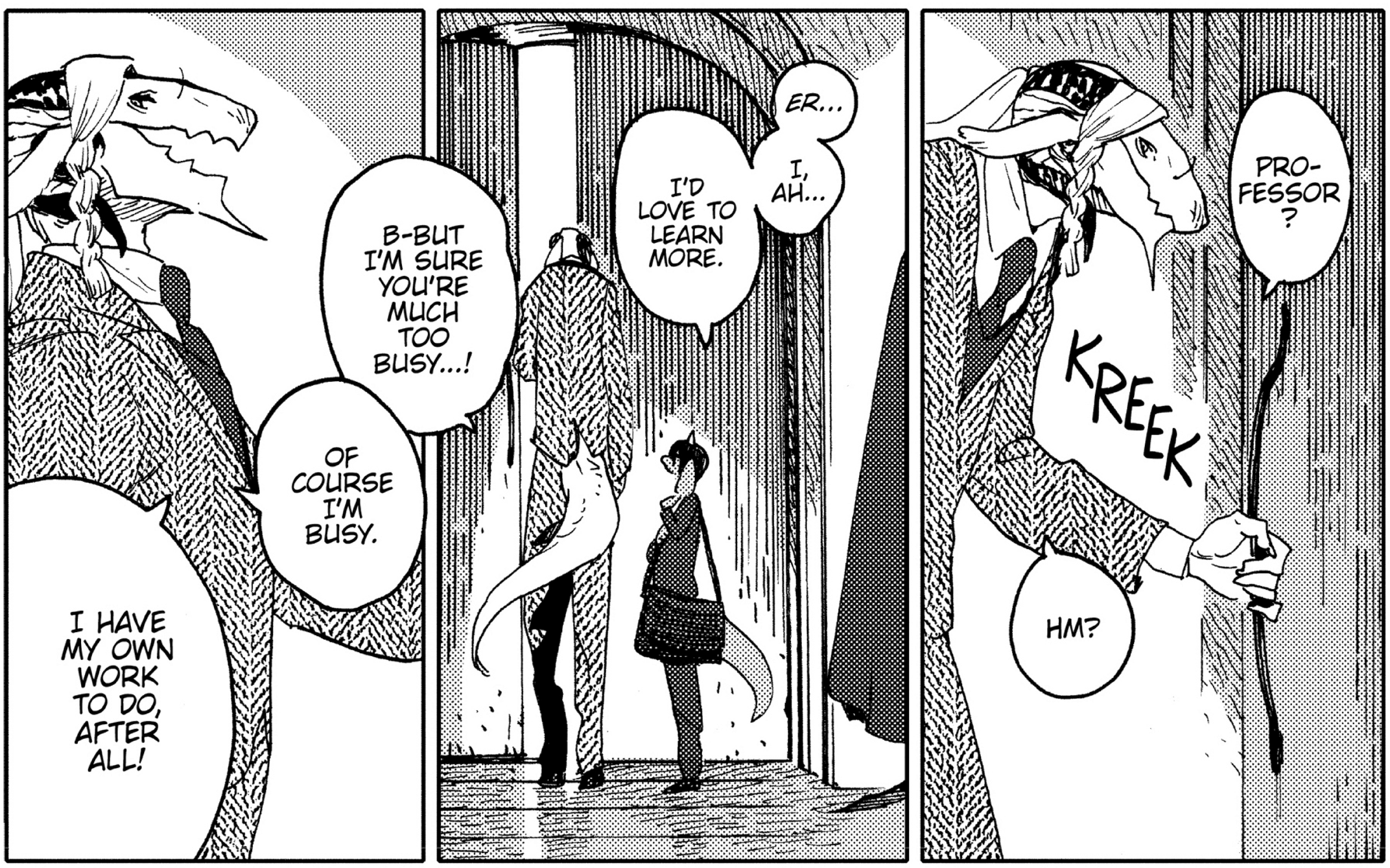
WELL, THEN.

BACK TO WORK.

HMPH. HOW DISCON-CERTING.




THANK YOU, SIR.
THAT WILL BE ALL.
TIME'S UP TODAY.


B-BUT I'M SURE YOU'RE MUCH TOO BUSY...!
OF COURSE I'M BUSY.
I HAVE MY OWN WORK TO DO, AFTER ALL!
I'D LOVE TO LEARN MORE.
ER... I, AH...
PRO-FESSOR?
KREEK
HM?

BEAM

I SUPPOSE I MIGHT HAVE A FEW MINUTES TO REVIEW YOUR WORK.

HOW-EVER...

O-OH, *UH*... YOU'RE RIGHT, SIR. I'M VERY SORRY.

WHEN IMPOSING ON SOMEONE, HAVE A CARE FOR THEIR TIME.

BOW BOW

HURRY ON HOME, NOW.

YES, SIR!

FINE, FINE.

I'LL BE BACK TOMORROW!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR!

HON-ESTLY.

PTAM

TP TP TP TP

AND THERE'S THIS PECULIAR FEELING.

ME, TUTORING A PUPIL OUTSIDE OF LECTURE HOURS.

EVERYTHING HAS BEEN QUITE DISCOMBOB-ULATED SINCE HE STARTED COMING.

MY CURRENT CONDI-TION: "A."

MY PREVIOUS CONDITION: "L."

MUTTER

I WILL SOLVE IT AS I WOULD ANY OTHER.

MUTTER

MUTTER

HE IS "E."

IT IS A PROBLEM.

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME? I HAVE NO IDEA.

MBL MBL MBL...

MUMBL...

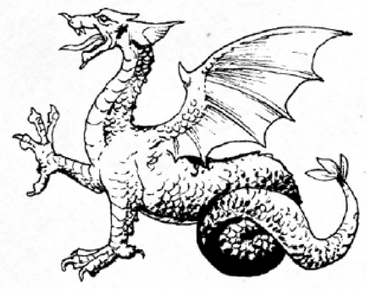
◆ END ◆

DRAGON

Dragon

Most dragons are scaled creatures with sharp fangs and talons. As they walk on land, have scales like a fish, and have wings like a bird, some consider them the Four Classical Elements given flesh. Some species can use their wings to fly. Other species are said to breathe fire. Still others are known to live in caves. Most are thought to live far longer than humans.

Some cultures regard dragons as evil, while others consider them wise sages. While theories about dragons abound, there has yet to be a single comprehensive description of them.



The Wize Wize Beasts of the Wizarding Wizdoms

by Nagabe

Wizdom's School of Wizarding has a dormitory wing.

However, the limited number of rooms means every student in residence has at least one roommate.

Any student in the dorm who behaves poorly, or whose grades fall too low, can be evicted...

Pupils can apply to live there for many reasons: distance from home, financial concerns, or other issues.

GAH !

Marley-Collette

freeing up their spot for the next student on the waiting list.

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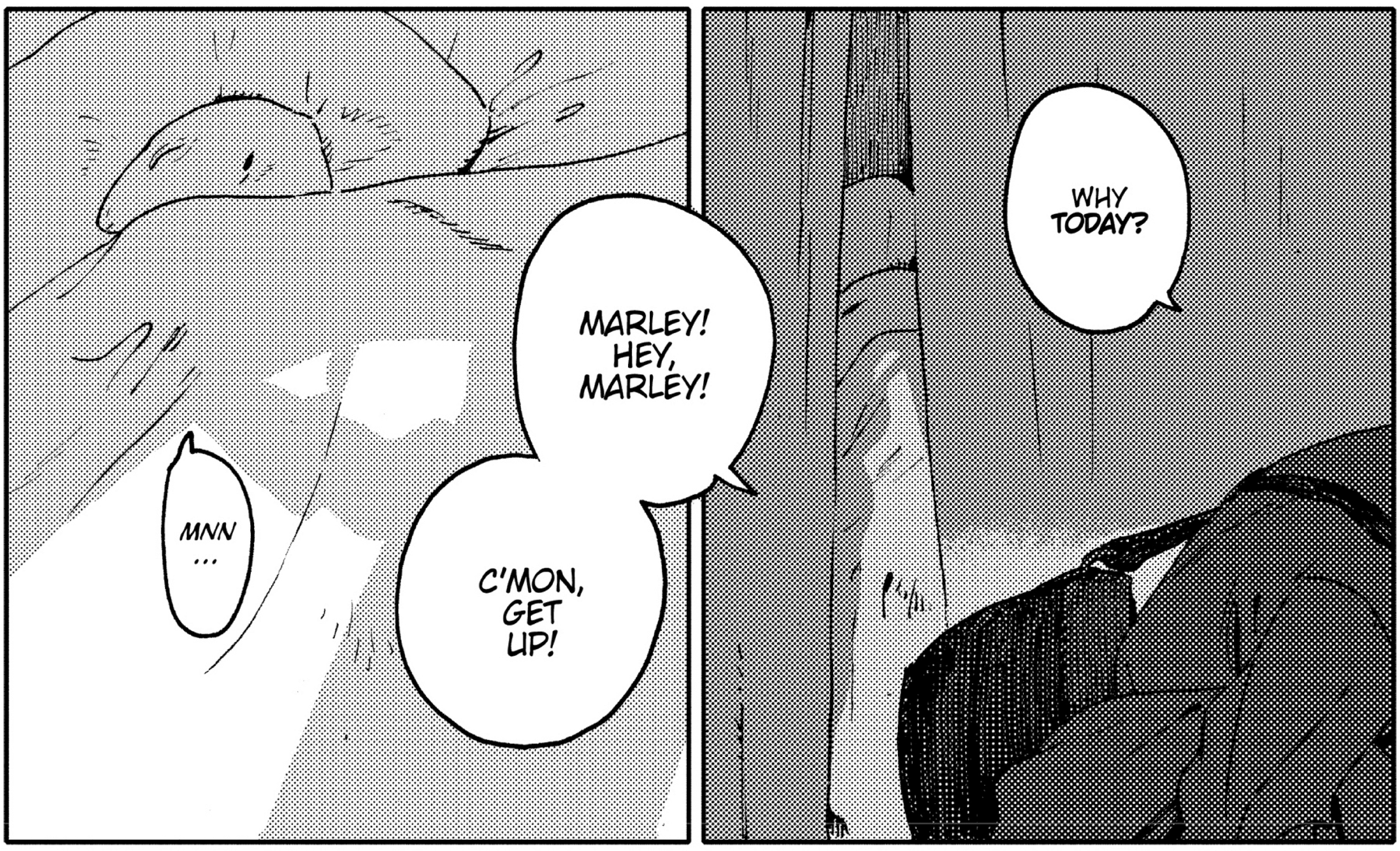
-Marley & Collette-

The Cold-Blooded & The Warm-Blooded



UP! UP! GET MOVING!

HURRY, OR YOU'LL BE LATE!

IF WE'RE LATE, HE COULD HAVE US KICKED OUT OF THE DORM!

WE HAVE PROFESSOR CROMWELL FIRST THING! THAT'S THE WORST!

SURE, SURE. FINE.

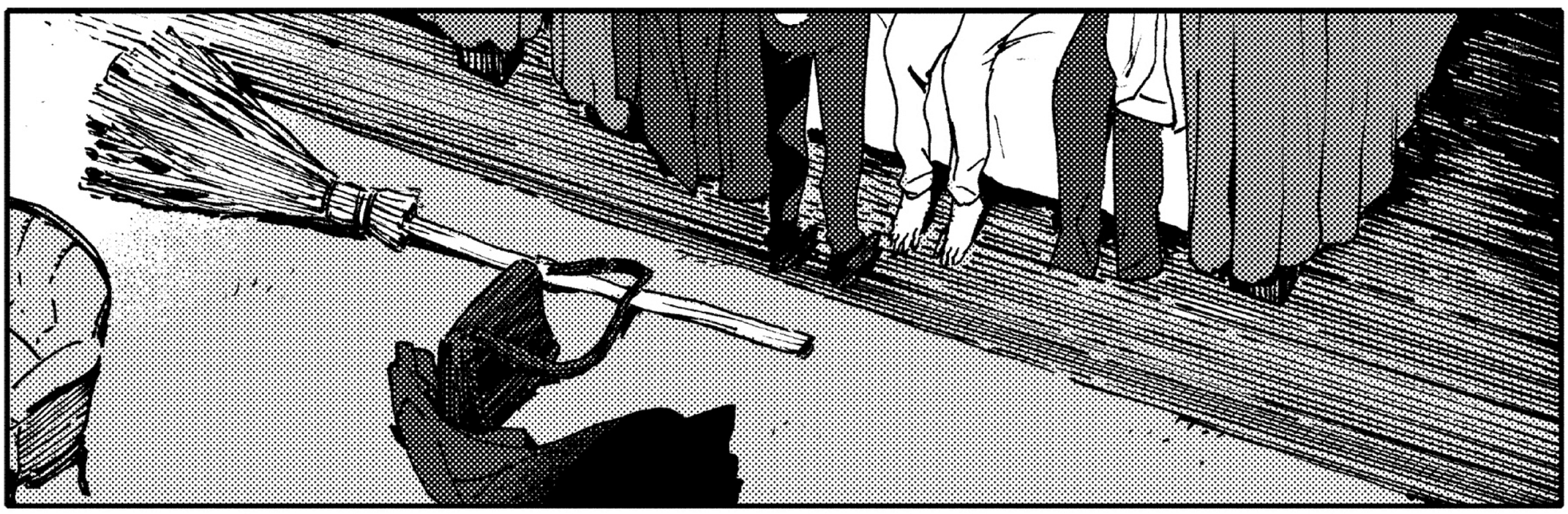
COL-LETTE...

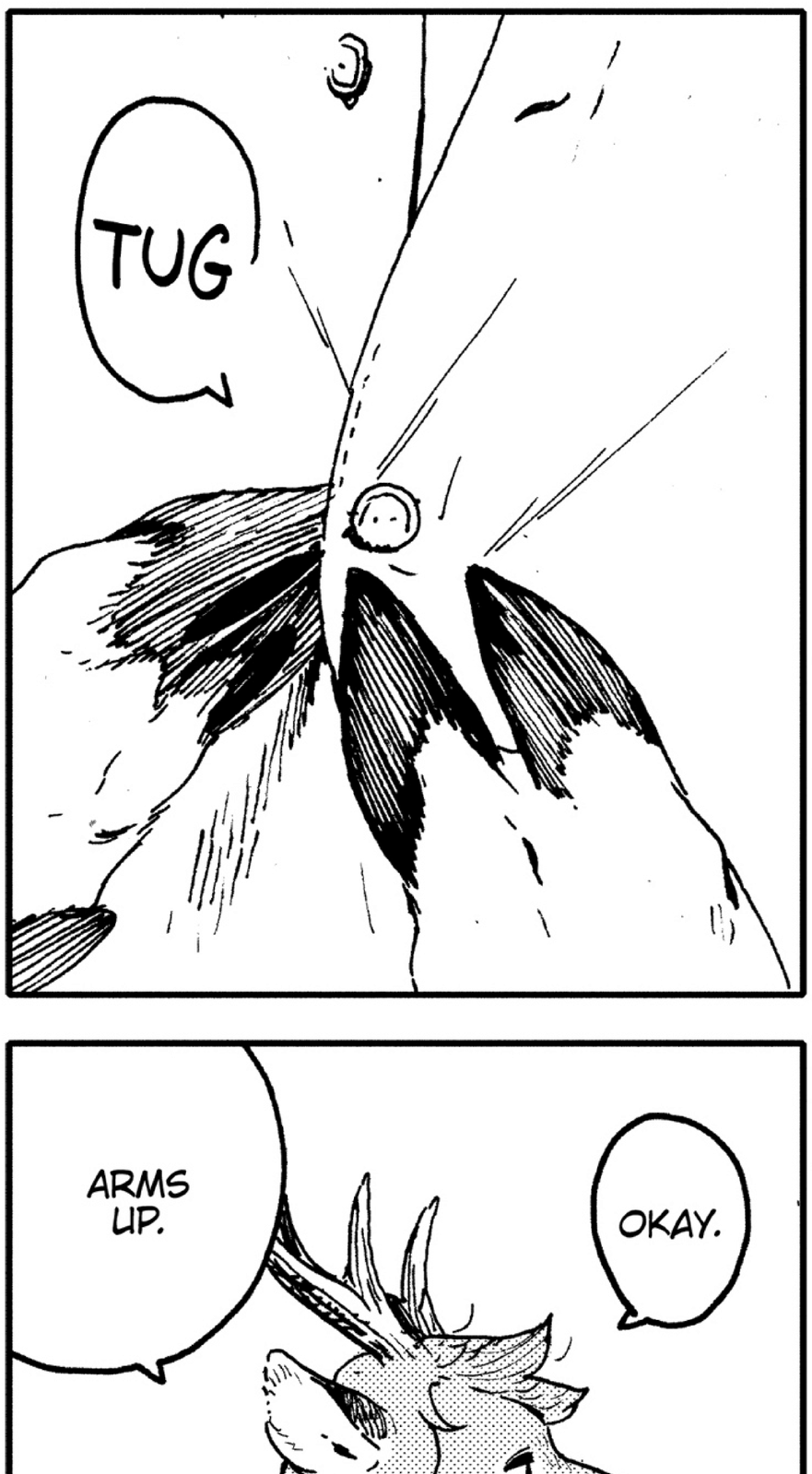
PLEASE...

THE USUAL...

UP, I SAID!

FLOP




TUG

ARMS UP.
OKAY.
MNN.

YOU CAN MANAGE **THAT,** RIGHT? RIGHT!

MNN...

OKAY, CAN YOU GET YOUR TROUSERS ON?

NEXT TIME, MAYBE TRY SLITHERING OUT OF YOUR SHIRT SO IT'S STILL BUTTONED?

UGH, THESE BUTTONS ARE SUCH A PAIN.

NOW, WHERE'S YOUR TIE...?

COLD!

WAH!

FLOP

AAHH...

C'MON! HURRY! RUN!

MNN.

WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO MESS AROUND!

NO, NO, NO!

BTAM

BIING BOONG

BARELY, BUT STILL.

PHEW! WE MADE IT.

NAAH.

DON'T SWEAT IT. IT'S FINE.

RSTL

IF IT GETS TOO CLOSE, YOU CAN ALWAYS LEAVE ME BEHIND.

YES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSIS-TANCE.

I THOUGHT FOR SURE WE WERE BOTH COOKED THIS TIME.

Whiskers

BOO...

STILL.

TODAY IS AWFULLY CHILLY.

WHISKERS' WEATHER FORECAST SAID NOTHING ABOUT IT.

meow-

YEAH. I WONDER WHY.

OH!

IT'S SNOWING, TOO!

LOOK! A WILD DRAGON!

AH. IT MUST BE A SNOW DRAGON'S DOING, THEN.

I'M KIDDING.

COME OUTSIDE AND LOOK WITH ME!

THANK YOU, BUT I'LL REFRAIN TODAY.

OH, *WOW--!* THAT IS SO COOL! I'VE GOTTA GO SEE!

I'M RETURNING TO OUR ROOM TO STUDY.

'KAY.

SkNF

I REALLY LOVE THE SNOW.

SkNF

SkNF

BUT MARLEY?

WELL, OKAY, I JUST LIKE WINTER IN GENERAL.

WHICH ISN'T SUR-PRIS-ING.

OR NOT MUCH, ANYWAY.

BET HE DOESN'T.

KRAKL

KRAK...

JOLT

OOOH...

BET THERE'LL BE GIANT SNOW-DRIFTS BY MORNING!

IT'S REALLY COMING DOWN OUT THERE.

I KNOW ...!

C-CO...

COLD.

YOU'RE NICE AND WARM~!

NOT... WHAT I...

HM?

DU—

——DUUN

ACK!

SORRY!

I'M REALLY SORRY.

KINDLY BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE.

I, UH, GUESS I TOOK THAT A BIT TOO FAR.

FOR-GIVE ME?

Mr. Gowa

BUT LOOK! THAT'S WHY I GOT EXTRA **FIREWOOD** FROM PROFESSOR GOWA!

IT'S APPRECIAT-ED.

YOU DO REALIZE THAT IF WE GET CHILLED ENOUGH, WE HAVE TROUBLE MOVING AT ALL, YES?

I DO.

RIGHT.

COLD-BLOODED TRIBES LIKE MINE ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO TEMPERATURE CHANGE.

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT SORTS OF DRAGON. THOSE WHO SHARE MY REPTILIAN LINEAGE WILL BE SIMILARLY COLD-BLOODED, AND...

THERE-FORE UNABLE TO REGULATE THEIR OWN BODY TEMPERATURE.

ITS SPECIES IS SPECIALIZED.

THAT DRAGON WE SAW DIDN'T SEEM TO MIND THE COLD, DID IT?

KRAKL...

WOW.

BEING REPTILIAN SOUNDS TOUGH.

OH BOY.

GUESS IT GOT LEFT EXPOSED TO THE WEATH-ER.

THIS WOOD IS DAMP.

HUH? IT IS?

KRAKL...

HMM. MAYBE IT'LL DRY IF WE LEAVE IT BESIDE THE HEARTH...?

SHVR

UM... MARLEY?

YOU OKAY?

FINE.

I SIMPLY ENVIED YOU FOR A MOMENT.

Ha ha ha!

I KNOW, RIGHT?

IN-DEED.

IT'S QUITE PLEAS-ANT.

SO SOFT AND FLUFFY, AND IT SEEMS SO **WARM.**

KTUNK KTUNK

AHHH, THAT MAKES SENSE.

IT'S THE FUR.

FWUF

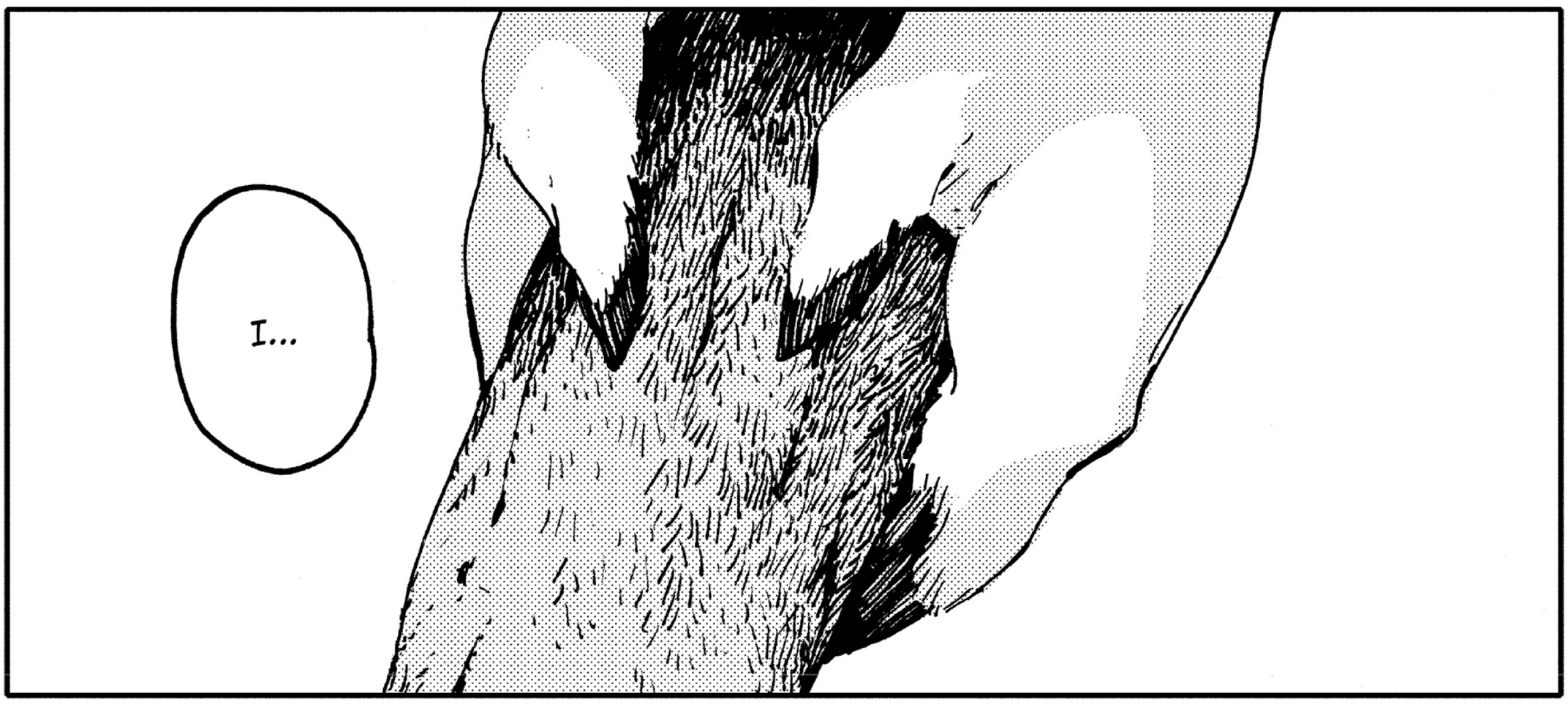
AHH.

COLLETTE ...?

SURE, SURE.

TUG

KRAKL...
KRAKL...


I...

WELL... YES.

WHY? FOR YOUR OWN FUR?

HM?

I WISH I WERE MAMMALIAN LIKE YOU.

BUT IT'S MORE THAT IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE **INCONVENIENCE** OF COLD-BLOODEDNESS...

I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GO THROUGH LIFE RELYING LESS ON OTHERS.

I THINK THAT WOULD BE NICE.

KLONK

I GUESS SO.

BUT BEING RELIED UPON IS KINDA NICE, TOO.

YEAH.

THAT COULD BE NICE.

I CAN SEE THAT.

KRAK!

KRAK!

ABOUT WHAT?

BEING MY ROOMMATE.

KRAK

FEEL FREE TO SPEAK UP AT ANY TIME.

ARE YOU HONESTLY BRINGING **THAT** UP AGAIN?

I TOLD YOU, I DON'T MIND AT ALL.

HEY.

IF YOU TIRE OF CARING FOR ME, SAY THE WORD.

I'LL ASK TO BE TRANSFERRED TO A DIFFERENT ROOM.

I MEAN, I'VE BEEN ROOMING WITH YOU FOR TWO YEARS!

IF IT BOTHERED ME, I WOULDN'T STILL BE HERE.

I MEAN ...

OOPS!

ANYWAY...

UM!

NEVER MIND.

ACTUALLY, I--!

I'M HAPPY, TOO.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE HAPPY ROOMING WITH ME...

AH.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, THEN.

THANK YOU, BUT NO. I'M FINE.

FWUF

WANNA FLUFF MORE FUR?

SWFF

MORNING WILL BE HERE ALL TOO SOON.

IT LEAVES ME FAR TOO LETHARGIC.

WINTER TRULY IS SUCH A BOTHER.

COL-LETTE.

I WOULD APPRECIATE MORE HELP TOMORROW...

WHEW!

SHHK

OKAY!

I DON'T MIND ONE LITTLE BIT.

I ALMOST LET IT SLIP.

THAT WAS CLOSE. WAY TOO CLOSE.

IN FACT...

BOFF

I LOVE WINTER.

APOL-OGET-ICALLY, POLITELY, GUILTILY ...

HE COMES TO ME. HE **RELIES** ON ME.

NO ONE ELSE SEES THIS SIDE OF YOU.

BUT IN WINTER...

MARLEY IS...

SO UNFLAPPABLE AND COMPETENT... MOST OF THE YEAR.

NO ONE ELSE KNOWS IT.

IT'S PART OF YOU...

YOU SHOW ONLY TO ME.

I COULD BE TOTALLY WRONG ABOUT EVERY-THING.

OR... YEAH.

AAUGH! DON'T THINK ABOUT IT! DON'T THINK ABOUT IT!!

FLOP FLOP FLOP

INTO, LIKE, KISSING. OR...

JUST BECAUSE WE'RE CLOSE FRIENDS NOW DOESN'T MEAN WE'LL TAKE ANOTHER STEP...

COLLETTE...

AH!

Mumbl...

TALKING IN HIS SLEEP...

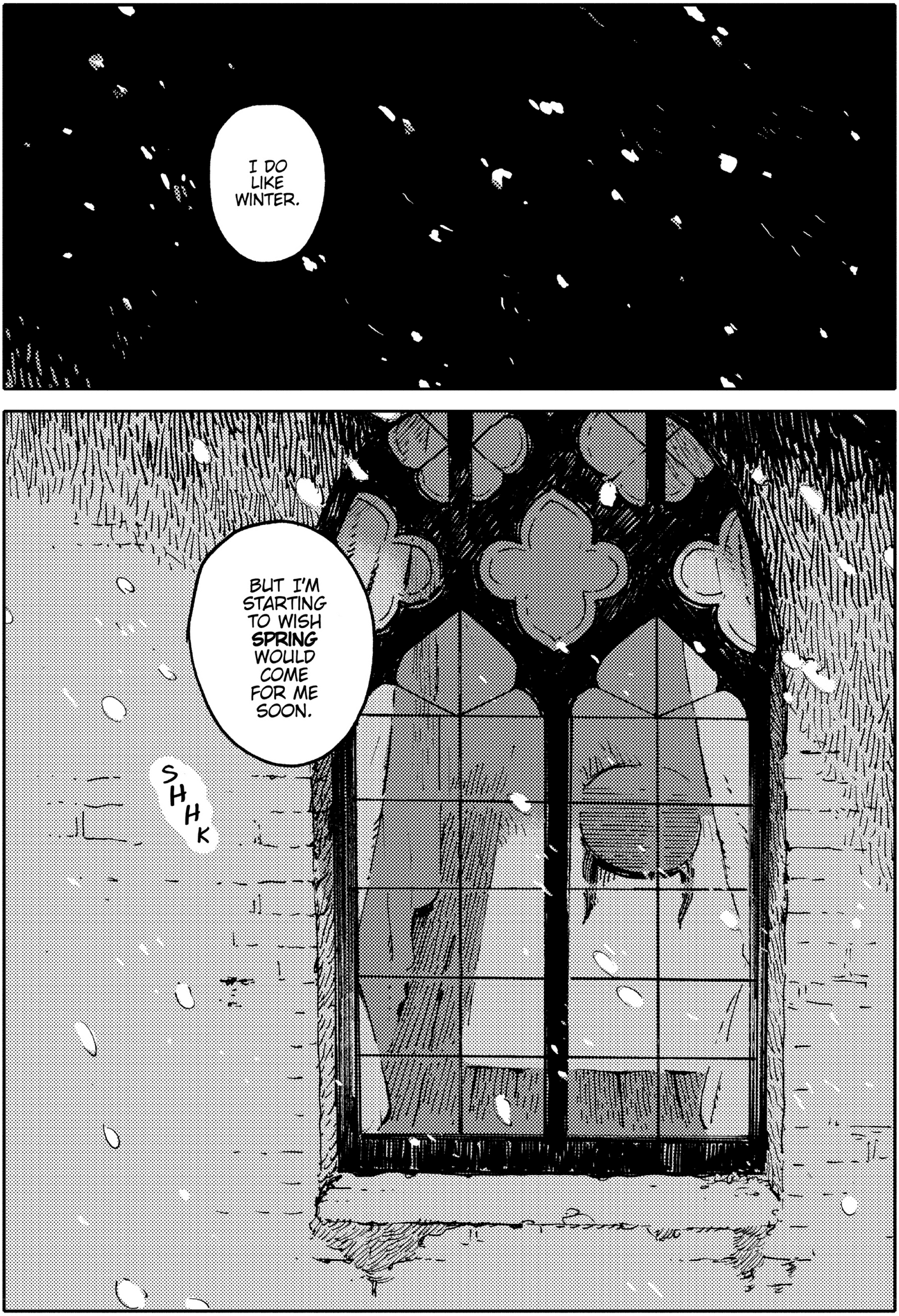
UGH... THIS IS ALL SO CONFUSING.

I'VE GOTTA STOP...! I'VE GOT TO!

I CAN'T GET ALL BEWITCHED BY THAT SPECIAL WHATEVER-IT-IS REPTILES HAVE!

FLAIL FLAIL FLAIL

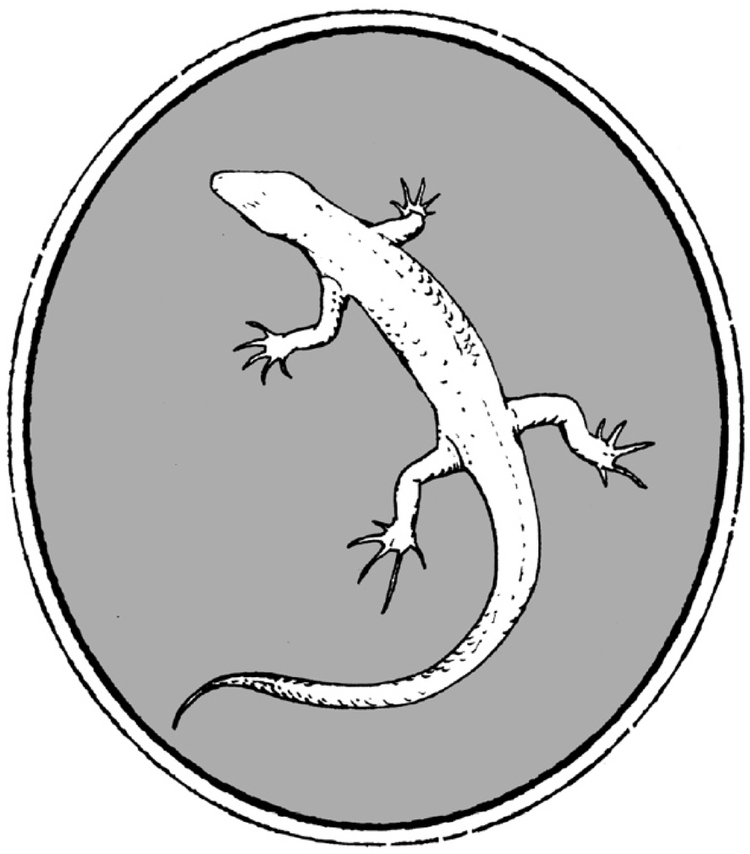
AA-AAH! AAAA-AAH!!


I DO LIKE WINTER.
BUT I'M STARTING TO WISH SPRING WOULD COME FOR ME SOON.
SHHK

◆ END ◆

LIZARD

Plestiodon



Squamata | Scincidae *Plestiodon*

Flat elongated bodies, long tails, and wedge-shaped heads are all standard physical traits for lizards. Most have simple ear holes instead of fully developed external ears. Burrowing species have special transparent eyelids that allow them to see while digging underground. Other species have the ability to shed their tails, which are often brightly colored and will keep wiggling to draw predators' attention away from the lizard itself.

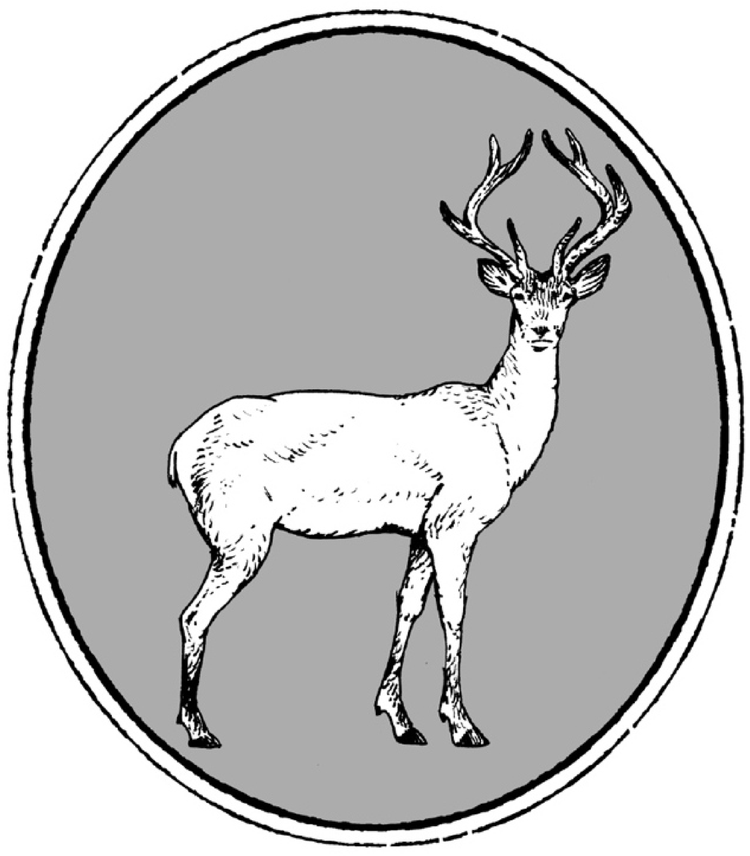
As they're cold-blooded, lizards are incapable of regulating their body heat. They often spend the daylight hours sunbathing to stay warm.

Artiodactyla | Cervidae *C. elaphus*

Red deer are a species group. They have large antlers, which they shed and regrow every year. They walk on what are effectively their third and fourth toes, which have evolved into cloven hooves. At least once a year, they shed and regrow their fur coats. While adults' coats are a solid color, the young have spotted coats for camouflage. Only the males, called stags, grow antlers. (However, male and female reindeer are both capable of growing antlers.) Come rutting season, stags fight each other for dominance, with the winner collecting a harem of females with which he will breed. Outside of that season, they are generally solitary.

RED DEER

Cervus elaphus



The Wize Wize Beasts of the Wizarding Wizdoms

by Nagabe

Those feathers were works of art even before the Wize Wizard Wizdom chose to grant some of their bearers human form.

For the Lessers, who lack language, the feathers are to this day a vital symbol they can't do without.

They serve both to intimidate foes and to attract mates.

they can bewitch anyone who beholds them...

The feathers' beauty is so potent that...

no matter *who* that may be.

HEY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MY GIRLFRIEND?

NO THANKS! ♥

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Doug & Huey

Courtship & Friendship

WHY...?

WHAT DO I LACK?!

WHY DO NONE OF THE FAIR LADIES HERE SEEM ABLE TO COMPREHEND MY MAGNIFICENCE?!

HOW ARE THEY UNMOVED BY THIS ELEGANT SHEEN?!

HI, HUEY.

TURNED DOWN AGAIN, HUH?

OF COURSE !!

WSH

YOU'RE SUCH AN OPTIMIST! NO WONDER YOU KEEP TRYING, EVEN AFTER FORTY REJECTIONS IN A ROW.

WHY, DOUG?

TELL ME WHY THIS KEEPS HAPPEN-ING.

THAT'S THE ONLY POSSIBLE ANSWER.

NO, I KNOW. THEY MUST STILL BE TOO INEXPERI-ENCED TO APPRECIATE ME.

Heh!

DRIFT

UNTIL THE DAY I FIND MY GIRLFRIEND, THESE FEATHERS WILL REMAIN PROUDLY FANNED!!

I SHALL NOT GIVE UP! NO, *NEVER!*

AH HA HA

HA HA HA

OH, THERE GOES ANOTHER ONE.

HMM?

Ha ha ha!

OF COURSE NOT! YOU'RE BLACK ALL OVER, DOUG!

VERY. MY FEATHERS AREN'T NEARLY SO COLORFUL.

WELL, IT IS MOLTING SEASON.

LOVELY, ISN'T IT?

WHY CAN'T ANYONE ELSE SEE THAT?

THESE FEATHERS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL.

YOU'RE THE ONE PERSON WHO UNDER-STANDS THE TRUE GLORY OF MY BEAUTY!

OH, DOUG --!!

I MUST BE ON THE HUNT FOR A NEW LOVELY LADY TO WOO!

ALL RIGHT! I HAVE NO TIME FOR MOPING.

C'MON, DON'T EXAGGERATE.

I HAVE NO GREATER, CLOSER, OR TRUER FRIEND THAN YOU!

HUEY...

I WAS WONDER-ING...

HMM?

WOULD IT BE OKAY FOR ME KEEP THIS FEATHER?

TWCH TWCH

IT COULD BE IN A MUSEUM. OR LIKE FINE ART, MAYBE.

I... I CAN'T HELP WANTING IT.

TWCH

IT'S AS BEAUTIFUL AS A JEWEL.

WELL... I DID, BUT...

Huh

KEEP IT? DIDN'T YOU TAKE ONE AS A KEEPSAKE THE OTHER DAY?

KEEP AS MANY AS YOU LIKE!

OH, TWIST MY ARM, WHY DON'T YOU! ALL RIGHT! AS A PERSONAL FAVOR!

THANKS, HUEY.

I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.

SINCE THE FIRST MOMENT WE MET...

HE'S BEEN SO SPECIAL TO ME.

WAS IT HIS ETERNAL OPTIMISM?

OR WAS IT...

BECAUSE OF HIS ELEGANT, STUNNING PLUMAGE?

HOW LONG AGO...

DID I START YEARNING TO BE LIKE HIM?

I WANTED TO BE LIKE HIM.

I WANTED TO BE CLOSER TO HIM.

I GREW MORE FASCINATED BY THE DAY.

I EVEN TOOK THE SHED EATHERS HE GAVE ME AND TRIED TO PRETEND.

I DID ALL I COULD TO BECOME HIS FRIEND.

HE'S SO SPECIAL TO ME.

I WANT TO BE SPECIAL, TOO.

IF I COULD BE TO HIM WHAT HE IS TO ME...

IF YOU'RE SURE.

DON'T TAKE FOREVER.

OKAY.

YOU GO ON AHEAD.

SORRY. JUST REALIZED I FORGOT SOMETHING.

DOUG?

THAT PEACOCK? ARE YOU SERIOUS?

HUH? HUEY?

PFFT. NO WAY.

HE'S ALWAYS SO CHEERFUL! I BET HE'D BE FUN TO HANG OUT WITH.

AW, HE'S NOT THAT BAD.

WHAT'S SO COOL ABOUT THAT TOTAL CRINGE-FEST?

HE'S THE KIND OF GUY WHO HITS ON EVERY GIRL IN SIGHT.

I DON'T THINK HE'S, LIKE, WITH ANYBODY RIGHT NOW, THOUGH.

YOU KNOW...

AH--! MARI, NO...!

GO ON!

OOH, HEY! WHY DON'T YOU ASK **HIM** ABOUT HUEY?

ASK HIM! THEN GO ON THE PROWL!

MAAAR!!! ...!

DOUG'S, LIKE, ALWAYS AROUND HIM.

NAH, IT'S OKAY.

LOOKING FOR SOME-THING I FORGOT.

DID I INTERRUPT?

OH, HEY, DOUG. LIKE, WHAT'S UP?

HUEY? HE'S GOT A GIRLFRIEND.

I WOULDN'T TAKE ANY OF IT SERIOUSLY.
HUEY'S JUST THE KIND WHO LIKES FLIRTING, Y'KNOW?
THEY'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR YEARS, ACTUALLY.
YOU'D BE BETTER OFF FINDING SOMEONE ELSE.
BUT THAT'S HOW IT IS.
TAKE IT FROM ME.
I'M HUEY'S BEST FRIEND, AFTER ALL.

HE *DOES* HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, HUH?

REALLY? *AWWW.*

ARE YOU **SURE?**

WELL, WHATEVER.

WE HEARD IT STRAIGHT FROM DOUG!

HE'S TOTALLY BESTIES WITH HUEY.

HE'D KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE, DON'TCHA THINK?

I GUESS...

LIKE, SURE THING.

THEY'RE TRYING TO KEEP IT SECRET.

DO ME A FAVOR, THOUGH? DON'T LET HUEY KNOW YOU KNOW ABOUT HIS GIRL.

THANKS. SEE YOU.

A-HA!

DOUG! YOU TOOK FOREVER!

DID YOU REALLY JUST FORGET SOME-THING?

HUH? YEAH.

SORRY I TOOK SO LONG.

KLANK

UM?

ANYWAY, DOUG, MY DEAREST FRIEND...

TELL ME, HOW DOES ONE FIND A GIRLFRIEND?

HOW CAN I CONVEY MY VAST BEAUTY TO THEM?

FOR SOME REASON, ALL THE LOVELY LADIES I'VE SPOKEN WITH SEEM OBLIVIOUS.

EVERY ATTEMPT BOUNCES RIGHT OFF THEM.

I WON'T **LET** THEM UNDERSTAND.

IF HUEY EVER DOES GET A GIRLFRIEND...

HE'LL BE CLOSER TO SOMEONE ELSE THAN HE IS TO ME.

I WON'T BE **SPECIAL** TO HIM ANYMORE.

I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN.

I KEPT HIM AWAY FROM THEM. I KEPT HIM **SAFE.**

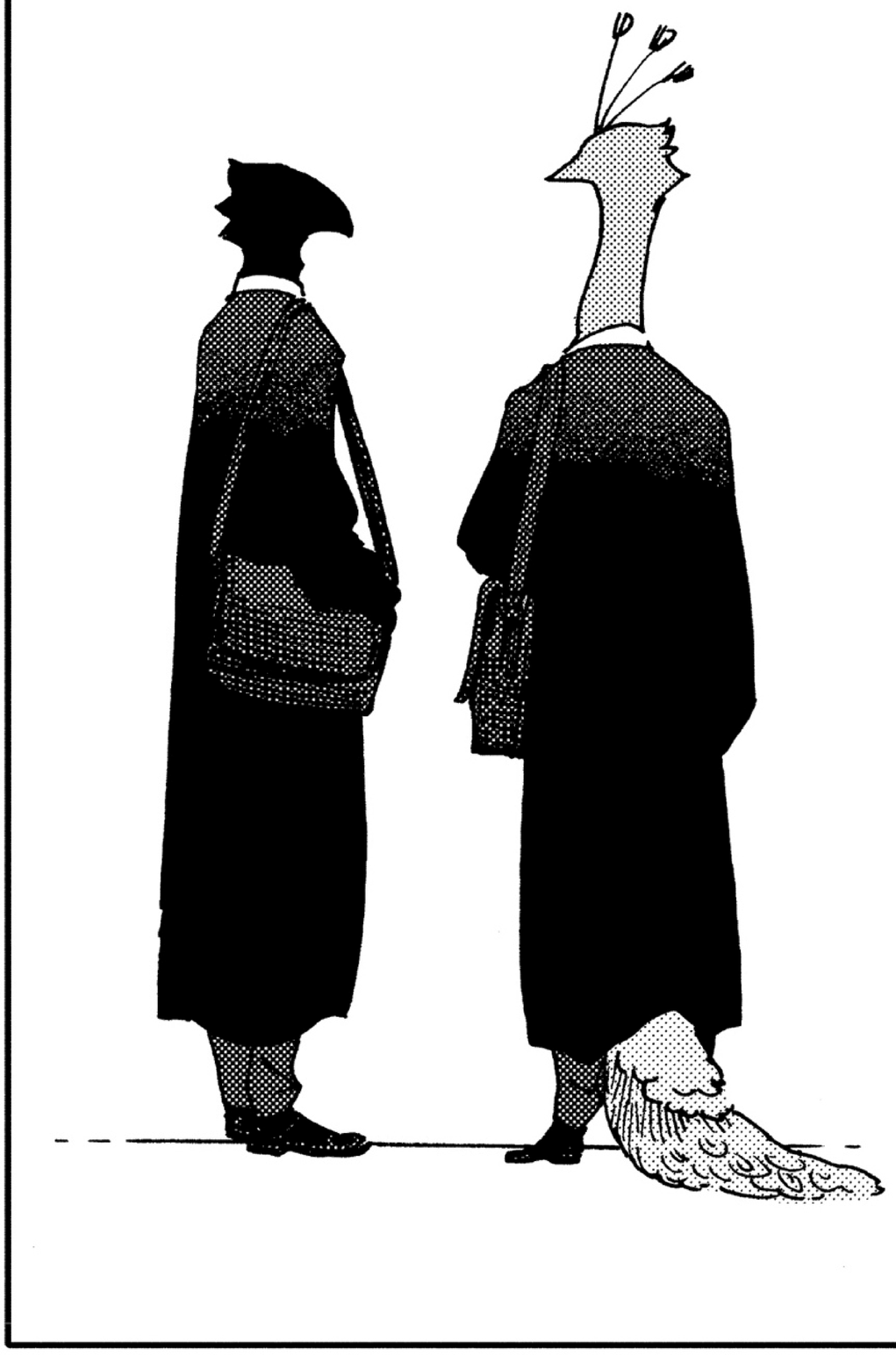
LIED TO EVERYONE ELSE.

SO I GOT CLOSE TO HIM, EARNED HIS TRUST, AND...

I KNOW JUST HOW INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL HE IS.

NO ONE ELSE NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND IT. I WON'T LET THEM.

DO YOU... HAVE TO HAVE A *GIRL-* FRIEND?



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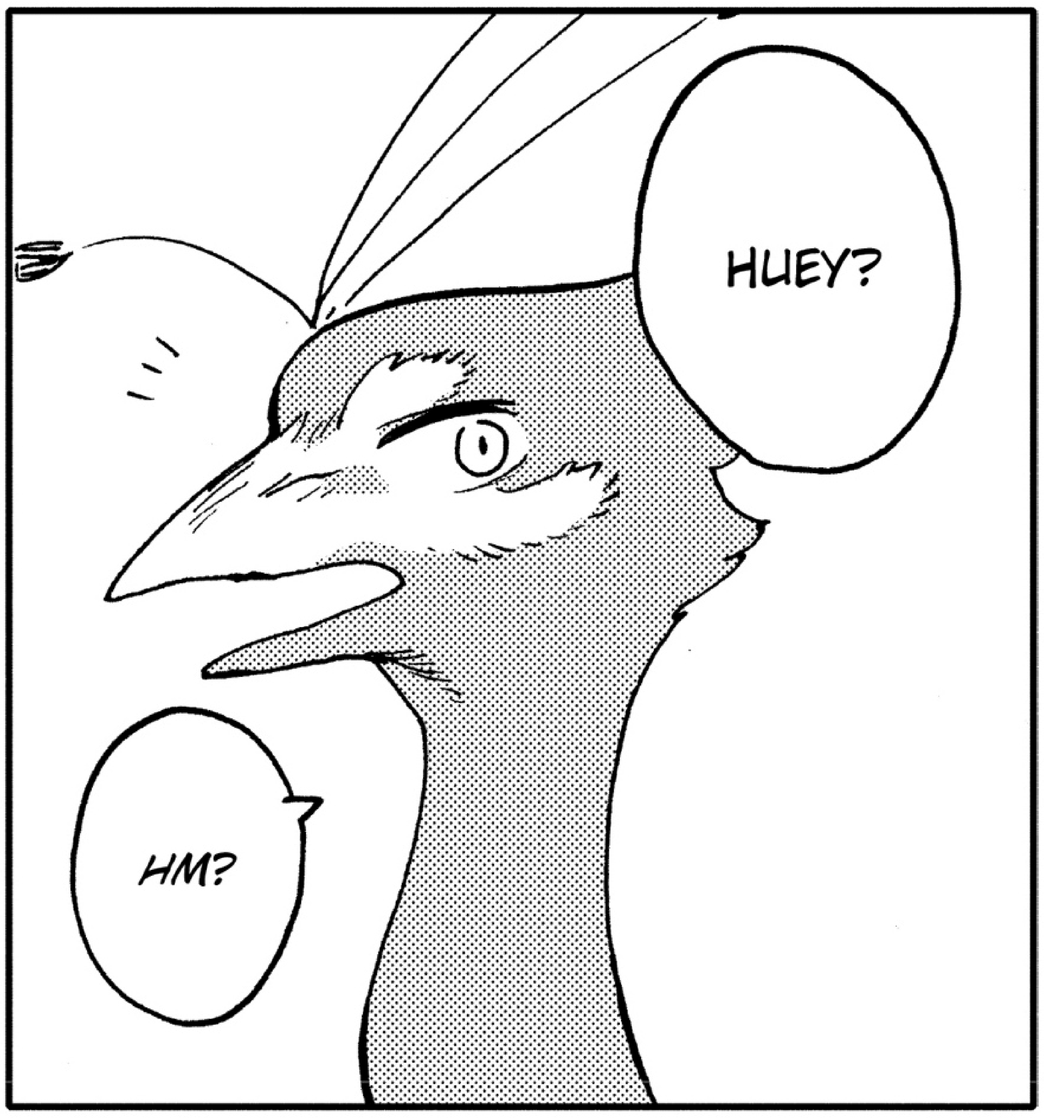
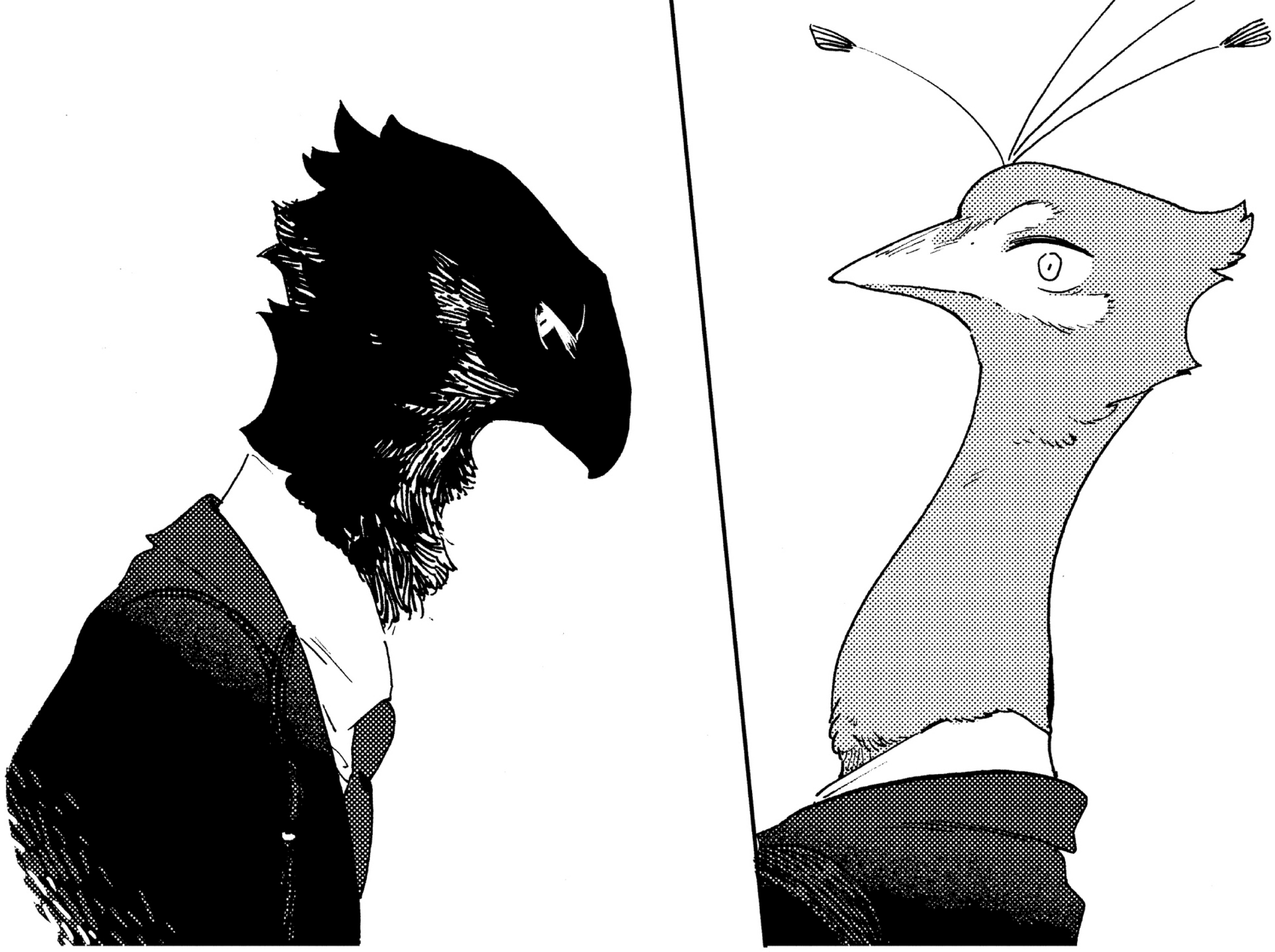
SO...

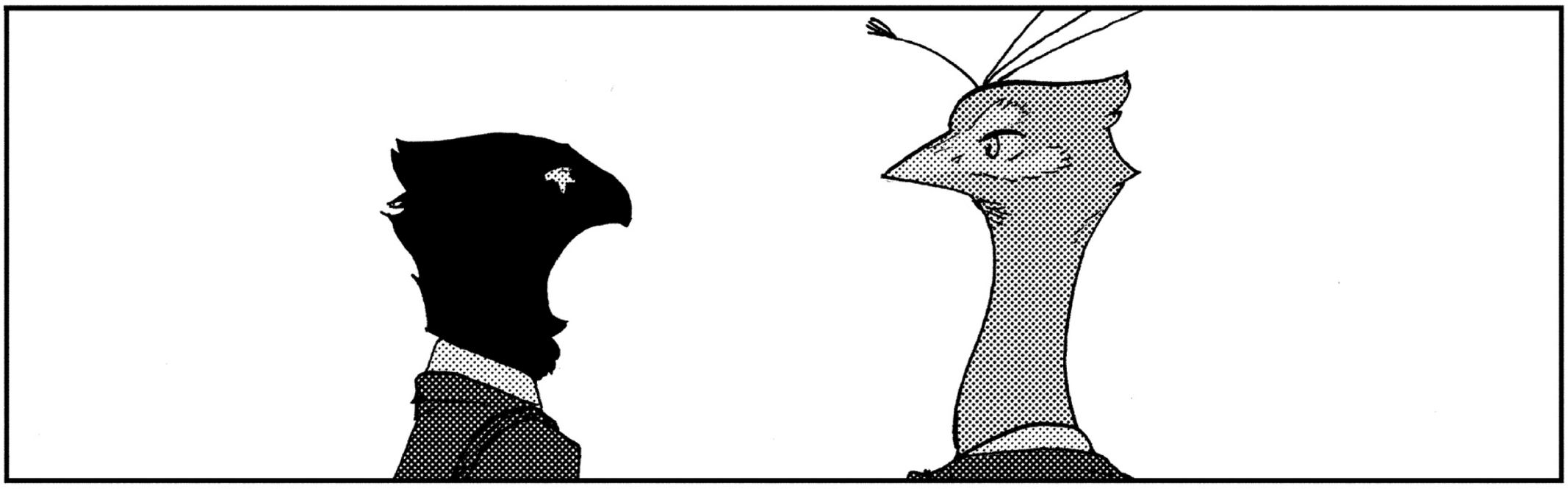
MAYBE I SHOULD ADD A LITTLE DANCE.

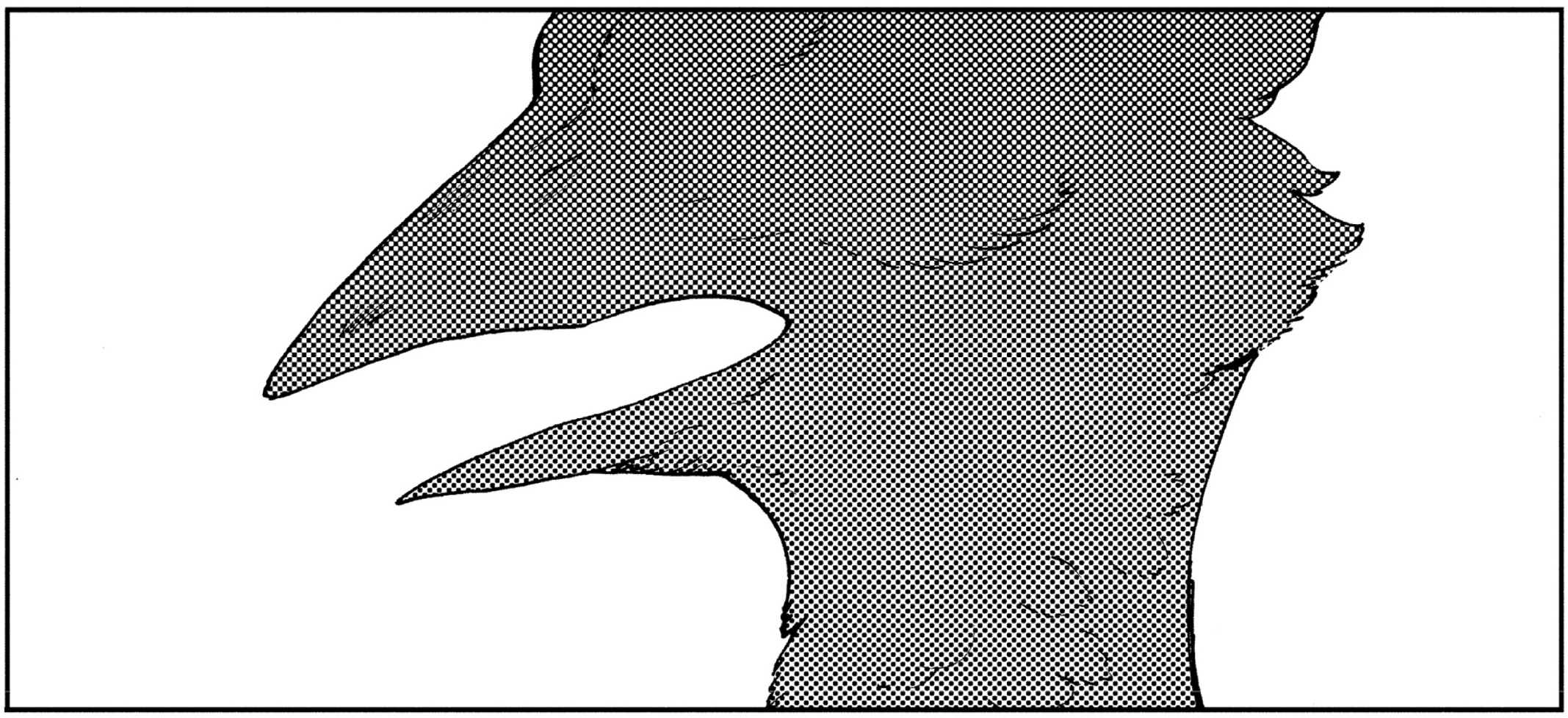


HUEY?

HM?







OB-VIOUSLY.

BESIDES, WHO WANTS TO BE SURROUNDED BY A PACK OF SWEATY, SMELLY MEN?!

CLEARLY, MY DNA IS **FAR** TOO FANTABULOUS TO BE WASTED. IT MUST BE PASSED ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION!

MY MATE MUST BE **PROPER!** MY MATE MUST BE **PURE!** THEREFORE MY MATE **MUST** BE A GIRL!

HUH?

BUT...

WHY DO YOU ASK?

I MEAN, **FRIENDS** ARE DIFFERENT. I'M DELIGHTED TO BE SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS OF ANY GENDER!

WELL, THEN, LET'S HEAD HOME!

I HAVE TO STRATEGIZE...

WITH YOUR HELP, DOUG!

?

OH, *UH...* JUST CURIOUS, I GUESS.

Aha ha ha...

HUEY IS BEAUTIFUL.

FLAp

SURE...

NO ONE ELSE UNDER-STANDS, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE TO.

THE ONLY ONE WHO NEEDS TO UNDER-STAND...

IS ME.

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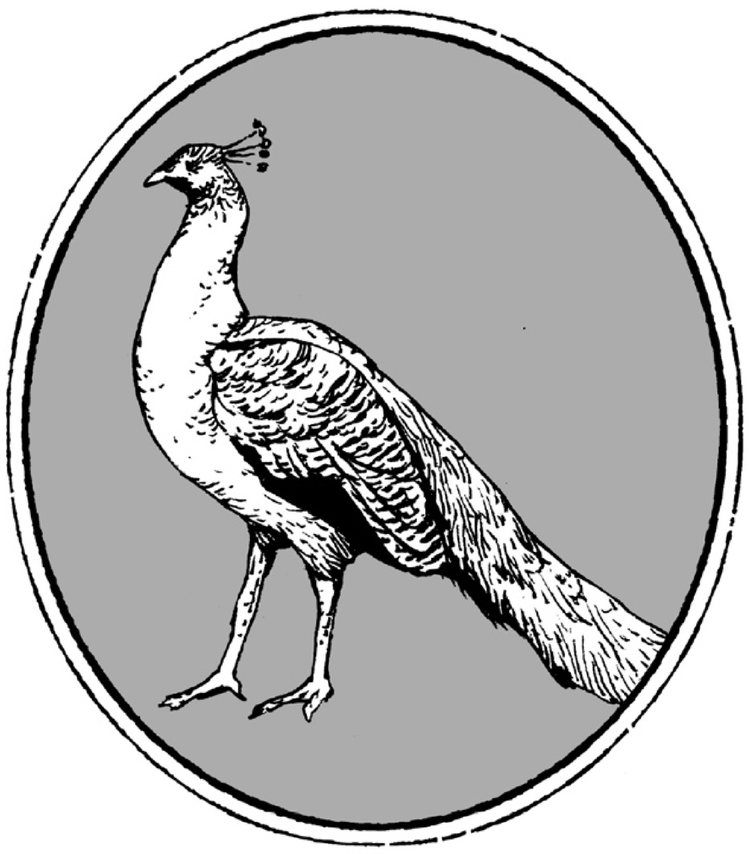
INDIAN PEAFOWL

Pavo cristatus



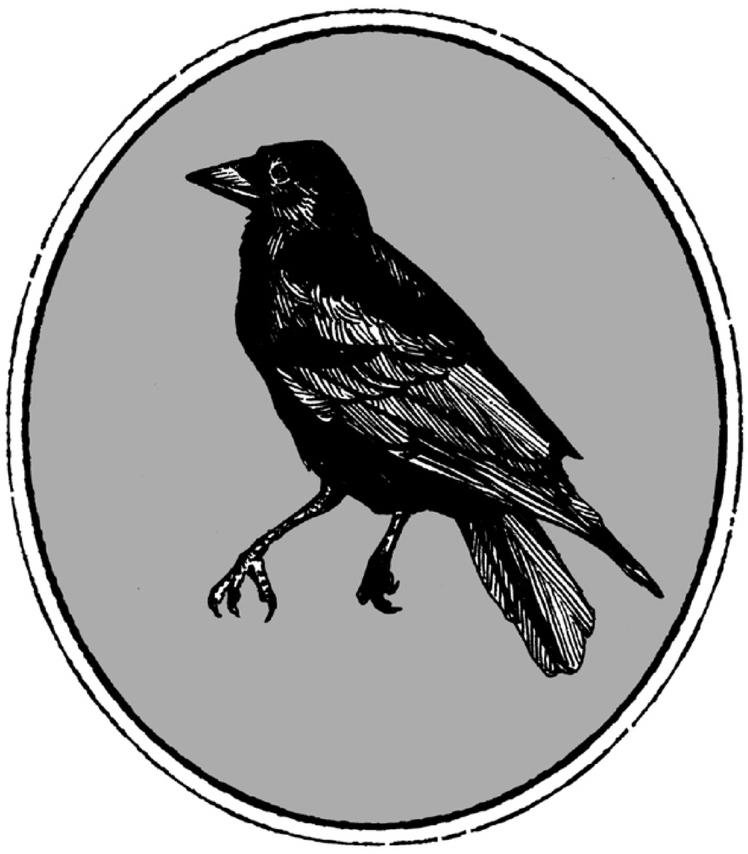
Galliformes | Phasianidae *Pavo*

Peafowl are primarily ground-dwelling birds that prefer to live in open deciduous forests. As omnivores, they eat nuts, fruits, insects, and small mammals. The spectacular feathers of the male (called a peacock) are not actually tail feathers. They are 150 or so extremely long coverts that grow from the bird's back. A peacock's actual tail feathers are short and brown.

Peacocks spread those decorative feathers, called their train, during courtship displays and to intimidate possible predators by making themselves seem larger than they are.

CARRION CROW

Corvus corone



Passeriformes | Corvidae *Corvus*

Crows have adapted to survive nearly anyplace, living everywhere from seaside cliffs to cities. They are also omnivores and will eat anything from meat and plants to carrion or even human garbage. They are usually solitary animals, although they will congregate during winter roosting.

Highly intelligent, they are capable of using tools, such as using rocks to crack open shellfish. They also use specific vocalizations to communicate with others by warning them of danger, informing them when food has been located, or even confirming their relative status in the pecking order.

The Wize Wize Beasts

of the Wizarding Wizdoms

by Nagobe

THIS MAKES HOW MANY TIMES THIS MONTH?

ALLHOFF.

!

I AM SURE I NEEDN'T TELL YOU WHY YOU WERE SUMMONED.

I DON'T SEE EVEN A HINT OF CONTRITION ON YOUR--

ALLHOFF!! ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!

CHERRY BOMBS DURING CLASS, MAGICAL PRANKS...

AND NOW YOU'VE SEEN FIT TO BREAK A WINDOW IN THE GREAT HALL!

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Allhoff & Carreras

Food & Games

AS PUNISHMENT, YOU WILL NOT HAVE A LUNCH BREAK TODAY. YOU MAY SPEND THAT TIME WRITING AN ESSAY OF APOLOGY!

AWWW...!

YES, SIR...

ADDRESS PROFESSORS RESPECT-FULLY!

YEAH, YEAH...

NO FAIR! THIS IS ALL SO STUPID!

NO LUNCH **AND** AN ESSAY...?

HMPH! STUPID, STUFFY OLD BIRD!

REACH ...

BUT ***HE*** TOOK OFF AND LEFT ME, THE JERK...

IT'S NOT EVEN LIKE I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO DID IT.

Oh~ CAR-RERAS!!

IS THE PROF DONE CHEWING YOU OUT?

EEEK!

BOO!

HEY! I DIDN'T THINK THE CHERRY BOMB WOULD ACTUALLY BREAK THE WINDOW.

ME EITHER.

BUT IT WAS FUNNY, HUH?

IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR GETTING CAUGHT!

YOU JERK! YOU RAN OFF AND LEFT ME BEHIND!

GURGL

I'VE GOT TONS!

GOT ANY FOOD TO SPARE FROM LUNCH, CARER-RAS?

UGH, I'M SO HUNGRY.

HNG!

GLRG GLURG

HLP!

UKH...

GLRG GLRG GLRG

SURE.

GIMME A SEC.

REALLY?

WANNA SHARE?

GULP

DROOL

GULP

GUULP

GULP

URP!

GOOD THING I ATE TOO MUCH AT LUNCH.

YOU'RE TELLING ME! THANKS.

PHEEW! I FEEL WAY BETTER NOW!

PW-AH!

GOOD QUESTION.

YOUR PARENTS AND MY PARENTS DO IT ALL THE TIME.

NO ELSE DOES THAT?

WHY D'YOU THINK...

IT'S TIME TO HAVE SOME FUN!

SO...

NOW THAT I'VE EATEN AND GOT ALL MY ENERGY BACK...

YEAH!

THE MOST NORMAL THING EVER, BUT PEOPLE CALL **US** WEIRD!

RIGHT!

YEAH! IF YOU'VE GOT EXTRA FOOD IN YOUR TUMMY, SHARING IT MOUTH-TO-MOUTH IS TOTALLY NORMAL!

?

WE'RE CLOSER TO EACH OTHER THAN TO ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD.

WE'RE VAMPIRE BATS. WE'VE BEEN BEST FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.

?

SOME PEOPLE THINK WE'RE TWINS, BUT WE'RE NOT. WE AREN'T RELATED AT ALL.

BUT WE'RE ALWAYS TOGETH-ER.

WE LIKE THE SAME THINGS AND THINK THE SAME WAY.

WE EVEN BOTH REALLY LIKE PLAYING PRANKS AND GETTING INTO MISCHIEF.

Y'KNOW...

WE'RE THE **BESTEST** BEST FRIENDS.

WHAT ABOUT THE SONAR GAME?

THAT STUPID OLD WHALE PROF WILL CATCH US.

YEAH.

MAKING ORIGAMI DRAGONS HAS GOTTEN BORING, TOO.

CHERRY BOMBS ARE NO FUN ANYMORE.

※Bats are capable of echolocation; also called bio sonar.

WHAT IS IT?

WAIT...

OH!! I KNOW !!!

Hee hee hee!

THERE *IS* ONE.

I JUST REMEMBERED A **REALLY** FUN TOY!

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING **FUN** LEFT TO DO?

YEAH, SOMETHING FUN!

BUT'S HERE'S OKAY.

AWW ...!

OH! YOU CAN'T STEP THERE.

storage.

OOOH! GREAT FIND, ALLHOFF!

I FOUND IT FOLDED AWAY IN HERE DAYS AGO.

AN INVISIBILITY CLOAK!

HEH HEH!

TA-DA!

THAT'S GREAT! LET ME TRY, LET ME TRY!

Ha ha ha ha!

Ooo-Oo!

LOOK, LOOK! I'M A DULLAHAN!

HM? THAT'S WEIRD.

GA-KLUNK KREEE

GA-TOK

THIS ROOM'S ONLY USED FOR STORAGE. WE'LL BE FINE IN HERE.

Y-YEAH, I GUESS...

GA-TOK

GUESS I IMAGINED IT.

GA-TOK

I WAS SURE I HEARD VOICES COMING FROM IN HERE.

GA-TOK

AH!

HEE HEE HEE! YEAH.

YOU WANNA?

HEY.

ARE WE REALLY GONNA DO IT IN HERE...?

ONE...

TWO...

THRE--

WE'LL JUMP OUT ON THREE!

OKAY.

LET'S SNEAK A LITTLE CLOSER.

?!

ALLHOFF! IT'S MOUTH-TO-MOUTH!

AH--!

CARRERAS, LOOK! THEY'RE DOING MOUTH-TO-MOUTH!

LOOKS LIKE IT!

SO OTHER PEOPLE *DO* DO IT! *HUNH!*

BUT...

GULP...

SWIP

SWIP

AH!!

EEP ?!

AAH

!!!

HUFF!

HUFF!

HUFF!

THINK THEY WERE HUNGRY?

I NEVER SAW PEOPLE 'SIDES US USE MOUTH-TO-MOUTH BEFORE.

ONE OF THEM MUST'VE EATEN A WHOLE LOT!

BUT... Y'KNOW, IT ALSO...

ALLHOFF, DIDJA SEE WHAT I SAW?

UH-HUH. I SAW IT ALL.

IT SEEMED, I DUNNO, KINDA...

CAR-RERAS...

ALLHOFF...

PWUF PWUF PW~~~~UF

NNH...

MN.

.....

Pwah!

YEAH. WEIRD.

THAT WAS TOTALLY NORMAL-- EXACTLY LIKE ALWAYS.

WHY'D IT LOOK DIFFERENT WITH THEM?

MNNN...

I THINK...

I SAW THEM USE THEIR TONGUES.

LET'S TRY IT AGAIN!

M'KAY!

OKAY, I'LL TRY USING MY TONGUE, TOO.

BLAAA!

MN!

TWICH

WOW. THAT WAS DIFFERENT.

REALLY?

IT WAS DIFFERENT?

REALLY DIFFERENT!

CARRERAS ...?

I REMEMBERED THEY USED THEIR TONGUES, SO I GAVE IT A TRY, TOO!

YOUR TONGUE?

BLAA!

YEAH. I WENT POKE-POKE WITH IT.

I SEE...!

OKAY.

NOW IT'S MY TURN.

NHH...

MFF!

MN...

MNN!

NN...

MNPH!

MNPH...

DRIBBLE

DRIP

DRIP

Pwah!

I... I DON'T THINK I CAN STOP.

WHOA...

I THINK I'M HOOKED ON...

THIS **NEW** KIND OF MOUTH-TO-MOUTH.

Haah!
MY TUMMY'S ALREADY FULL...
BUT THERE'RE THESE WEIRD FEELINGS IN THERE TOO NOW.
I CAN'T... CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT...
DRIP
GLURP

KOFF!
WENT DOWN... WRONG WAY...
ACK! ALLHOFF ...!
KWOFF! HACK! KOFF!
AWW, IT'S ALL OVER MY SHIRT.
MAMA'S GONNA BE SO MAD AT ME.
YEAH...
STILL...
MOOD

YEAH! REALLY, REALLY COOL AND AWESOME!

I DUNNO WHY, BUT THAT REALLY WAS AWESOME!

YEAH! SERI-OUSLY COOL!

THAT WAS SO COOL!

YEAH!

WHAT A COOL THING TO LEARN!

OOH, I KNOW! LET'S KEEP THIS OUR OWN SECRET!

YEAH, JUST BETWEEN US TWO.

SUPER LUCKY!

YEAH, WE GOT LUCKY TODAY!

WHO KNEW YOU COULD DO MOUTH-TO-MOUTH LIKE THAT?

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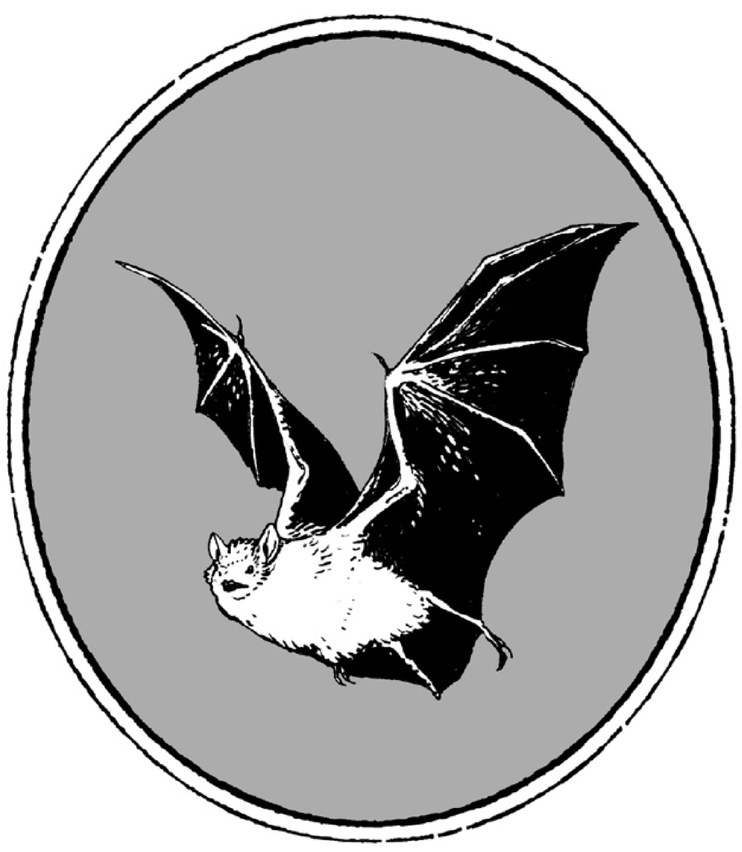
COMMON VAMPIRE BAT

Desmodus rotundus



Chiroptera | Phyllostomidae *Desmodus*

Bats are the only living winged mammals capable of flight. Their wing membranes are an extension of their back and flank skin, connected to their arms. They have large wingspans for their size.

As nocturnal animals, they use echolocation to maneuver in the dark and detect their prey. They feed exclusively on blood, a practice called hematophagy, preying on other mammals (and the occasional human) like livestock. Once a likely target is located, they will land and approach their prey quietly from the ground, then bite them and lap blood from the wound. It takes them upwards of half an hour to drink only 25ml or so. Their teeth are so sharp their prey barely notices the 5mm incision in their skin, and their saliva contains anticoagulants, which prolongs bleeding.

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by Nagabe

MY, THAT DOES SOUND QUITE ROUGH.

IF ONLY THEY WERE POLITE AND CONSIDERATE LIKE YOU, SIR.

OH, YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED.

THEN THE OTHER DAY, MY FIFTH BROTHER, NINTH BROTHER, AND TENTH SISTER ALL HAD A FIGHT.

HAVING SUCH A HUGE FAMILY CAN BE A PAIN IN MY TAIL!

HA HA!

COME IN!

NOK

NOK

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-Cromwell & Benjamin-

The Good Talker & The Good Listener

HRM?

AH. I SEE YOU ARE OCCUPIED.

OH?

OH!

N-NO, NO! I WAS JUST LEAVING!

GOODBYE, SIR!

TAKE CARE.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR USUAL, PROFESSOR CROMWELL?

YES.

THREE LUMPS, PLEASE.

PLIIP

CER-TAINLY.

OH, YOU KNOW.

WHO WAS THAT?

THANK YOU.

THE YOUNG LADY WHO JUST LEFT IS A VIRGIN, YOU KNOW.

BFFT!

SIP

MY APOL-OGIES.

IT'S HARD TO RESIST TELLING YOU WHEN YOU REACT THAT WAY.

SUCH AN IMPROPER USE OF YOUR **PARTICULAR** SENSE OF SMELL AS A UNICORN IS...IS...

Ahem...!

KWOFF! KOFF! KWOFF!

WHY...

YOU...

I'VE TOLD YOU I *DON'T* WISH TO HEAR SUCH THINGS!!

GREAT HORNED FOOL!!

WELL, THEN.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHAT ABOUT TODAY?

IT WAS A HARMLESS JEST.

HERE, A TOWEL.

BAH! SUCH BEHAVIOR FROM A PROFESSOR OF THIS ACADEMY! SCANDALOUS, BENJAMIN. SCANDALOUS!

HONESTLY! THOSE TWO **DANCE** ON MY LAST NERVE!

ONE VANISHED IN A FLASH AND THE OTHER SHOWS NO SIGN OF REMORSE, DESPITE MY LECTURE.

THOSE LITTLE SCAMPS REALLY DID IT THIS TIME. THEY SHATTERED A WINDOW IN THE GREAT HALL!

AH, YES. I KNOW THE ONES.

IT'S THOSE TWO DRATTED VAMPIRE BATS IN THE YOUNGER CLASSES.

VERY TRUE.

THE YOUTH THESE DAYS ARE SORELY LACKING IN PROPER RESPECT AND DECORUM.

I SAW THAT MY DESK...

WHY, SPEAKING OF THOSE HELLIONS, THE OTHER DAY...

THANK YOU, BY THE WAY.

OH, SHUSH!

MY, MY.

AWARE OF IT, ARE YOU?

FOR ALWAYS LISTENING TO MY DIATRIBES.

FOR?

HEH!

IF I BEGIN A RANT WITH ANYONE ELSE, THEY'RE FULL OF EXCUSES TO ESCAPE.

KTUNK

WHY, THANK YOU. I'M HONORED.

I MUST SAY, THAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO REIN MYSELF IN.

BUT YOU? YOU LISTEN POLITELY AND ATTENTIVELY TO EVERY LAST WORD.

I'M NOT MUCH OF A TALKER.

ME? NO, NOT REALLY.

PTAM

WHAT ABOUT YOU? HAVE YOU NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT?

DON'T BE SO HUMBLE.

BESIDES, I ALWAYS ENJOY YOUR STORIES, PROFESSOR CROMWELL.

NOK NOK

YES? COME IN.

COME, NOW. OUT WITH IT. UNBURDEN YOURSELF TO ME.

THERE HONESTLY ISN'T.

I'M SURE THERE'S **SOMETHING** YOU'RE DYING TO GET OFF YOUR CHEST.

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

N- NO. IT'S NOTHING TERRIBLY IMPORTANT...

OH? COME IN, TELL ME.

BENJAMIN?

PROFESSOR ROY.

BAH! TOO POPULAR FOR HIS OWN GOOD.

SUPPER ...?

I, AH... I THOUGHT WE COULD HAVE A NICE SUPPER TOGETHER.

YOU'LL BE HEADING HOME SOON, WON'T YOU?

O- OH. OF COURSE. SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU.

I'LL BE HERE A WHILE. LOTS OF WORK LEFT!

NO, NO.

THANK YOU, BUT I MUST DECLINE.

NUDGE NUDGE

OH, COME!

A HEALTHY MALE LIKE YOU?

I'M... NOT INTERESTED IN SUCH THINGS, TRUTH-FULLY.

OR DO YOU HAVE A SECRET LOVER STASHED AWAY?

NO, I DO NOT.

WHAT WAS THAT, *HMM?* AN INVITATION TO SUPPER WITH ONE OF THE LOVELIEST LADIES ON THE FACULTY?

WHAT HARM IN SAYING YES? YOU SHOULD HAVE GONE!

HOW COULD YOU NOT BE INTERESTED IN EXQUISITE YOUNG LADIES?

ARE YOU REALLY SO BASHFUL?

WELL, IF SO, THERE'S NO HELPING IT.

IF YOU EVER WANT ADVICE, I'VE ACCUMULATED PLENTY THROUGHOUT MY LONG...

LIFE...

KA-CHAK

A-AH, WELL.

THANK YOU FOR THE KIND OFFER.

PERHAPS ANOTHER TIME.

You like **males...?**

Is that meant to be funny?

There must be something ***wrong*** with you.

And you're so delicate and effeminate, at that.

How could you fancy those of your own gender?!

You are a ***unicorn!***

One of the purest, most noble tribes!

You are banished from the tribe!

So shame-less!

Why...?

Why was I born a unicorn?

Why did I have to love those of my own gender?

They're right. There must be something wrong with me.

If anyone else finds out, I'll be rejected again.

I must keep it secret.

I must bury the truth deep in my heart.

FSSSS...

SSS...

S

FSSS

OH, DEAR. I LOST MYSELF IN OLD MEMORIES AGAIN.

SKWEK

NOK NOK

YES? COME IN!

I MUSTN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO DO THAT.

I MUST STAY COMPOS-ED.

KA-
CHAK

I HAVE NO MORNING LECTURES TODAY.

AH, I SEE.

OH!

YOU'RE AWFULLY EARLY, PROFESSOR CROMWELL.

SO! WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT TODAY?

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR USUAL?

PLEASE.

ME? NOTHING.

I'LL NOT SAY A WORD.

HMM. YOU DON'T **SEEM** FEVER-ISH...

PAT

BUT YOU'RE SO FOND OF CHATTING! IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT THAT YOU'RE OPTING NOT TO!

DO NOT TREAT ME LIKE AN INVALID, YOU GREAT HORNED FOOL!

FOR SOMEONE WHO'S ORDINARILY SO SUNNY, YOU BECAME AWFULLY SUBDUED YESTERDAY.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT SOMETHING MUST BE WEIGHING ON YOU. I THOUGHT TO LEND YOU AN EAR.

WHAT ?

CON-CERNED ...?

BAH! I COME HERE CONCERNED FOR YOUR WELL-BEING, AND THIS IS MY THANKS?

HE DID NOTICE...

DO NOT BRING IT UP AGAIN! EVER!!

WHY! YOU! GREAT! HORNED! FOOL! THAT'S UTTERLY IRRELEVANT!!

JOKING! I WAS JOKING!

I MEAN... YOU'RE STILL A VIRGIN.

BUT ARE YOU SURE **YOUR** EAR IS APPRO-PRIATE?

WELL, WHO CAN SAY?

SUCH GLOOMY MOPING WILL RUIN YOUR GOOD LOOKS.

YOU'RE SURE IT ISN'T LOVE?

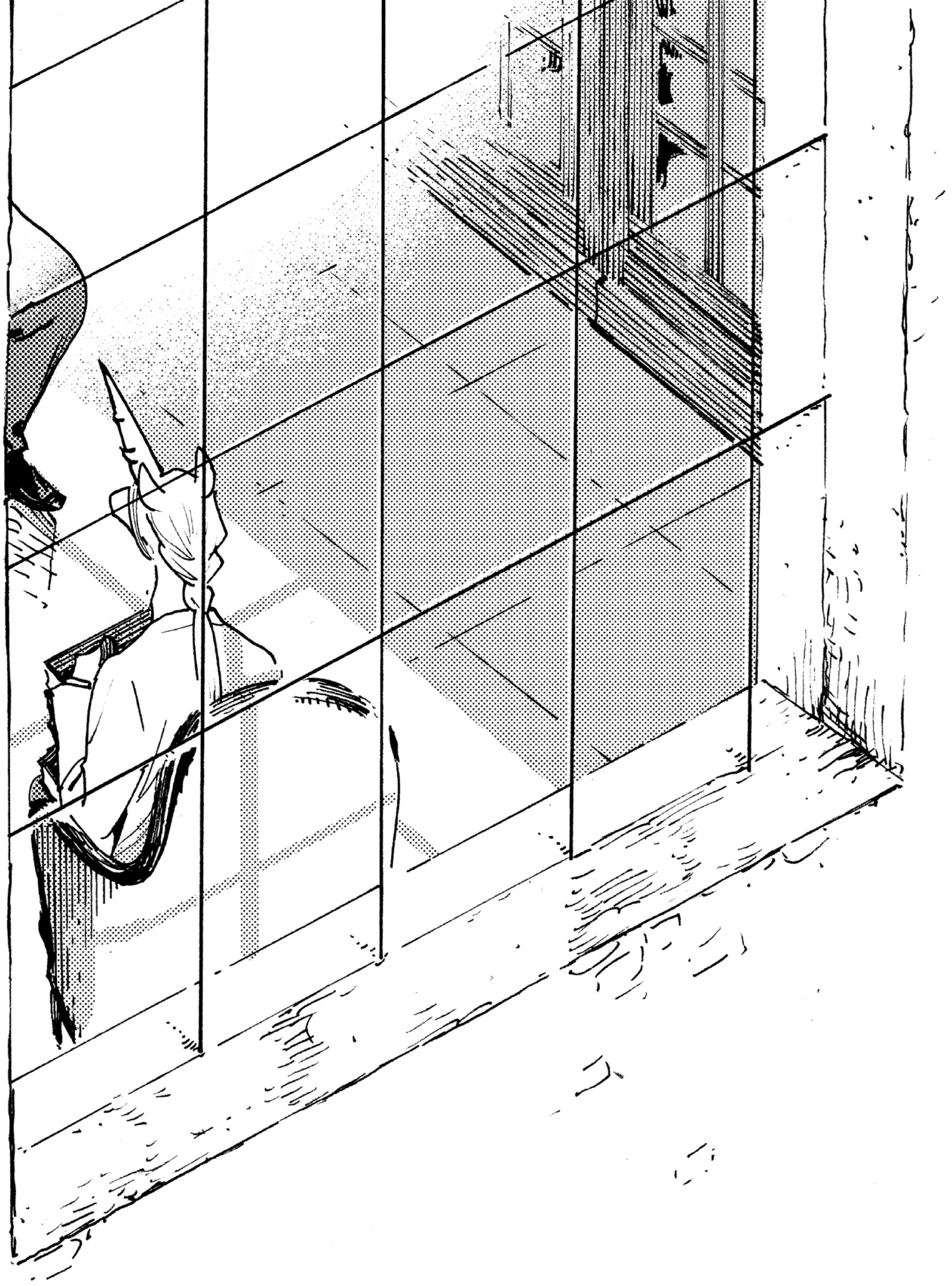
I WON'T ARGUE WITH THAT.

BAH! I MUST BE THE GREATER FOOL FOR WORRYING ABOUT YOU FOR EVEN A MOMENT.

I BELIEVE I CAN MANAGE TO LISTEN ONCE IN A WHILE.

I SEE.

STILL... COUNSELING MAY NOT BE IN MY WHEELHOUSE, BUT...



WELL THEN, IF YOU INSIST. PLEASE BE GENTLE.

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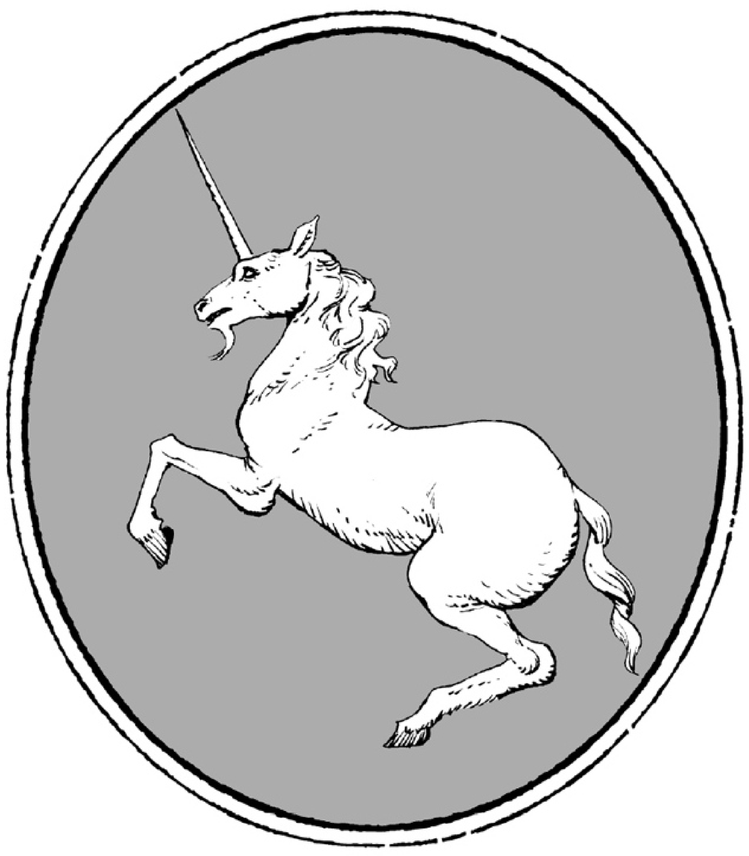
UNICORN

Unicorn



A unicorn is a mystical creature combining traits of horses and deer. Its signature characteristic is the single spiraling horn in the center of its forehead. They are fiercely proud, powerful, and brave, and are nimble and swift enough to outrun a horse and outmaneuver a deer. Their horns, which are supposedly capable of piercing any material, are long, sharp, and strong.

Several mystical powers are attributed to unicorns, from the ability to purify water or neutralize toxins with a touch of their horn to discerning virginity by scent. It's also said that they have a particular fondness for virgins, preferring their company and being calmer and quieter in their presence. Unicorns are often considered a symbol of the moon.

GRIFFON

Griffon

Griffons have the torso and wings of an eagle combined with the hindquarters and tail of a lion. Legends say they are strong enough, and have sharp enough talons, to seize several cows or horses at once and fly away with them.

Their name—spelled "griffon," "griffin," or "gryphon"—comes from the Ancient Greek word *gryps*, which means "curved." As their bodies blend traits from eagles (masters of the sky) and lions (masters of the earth), some regard the griffon as a symbol of the earth and sky united, or of the sun.

Early mythologies claimed griffons could find gold and would hoard it. That led to them being known as guardians of wealth and knowledge.

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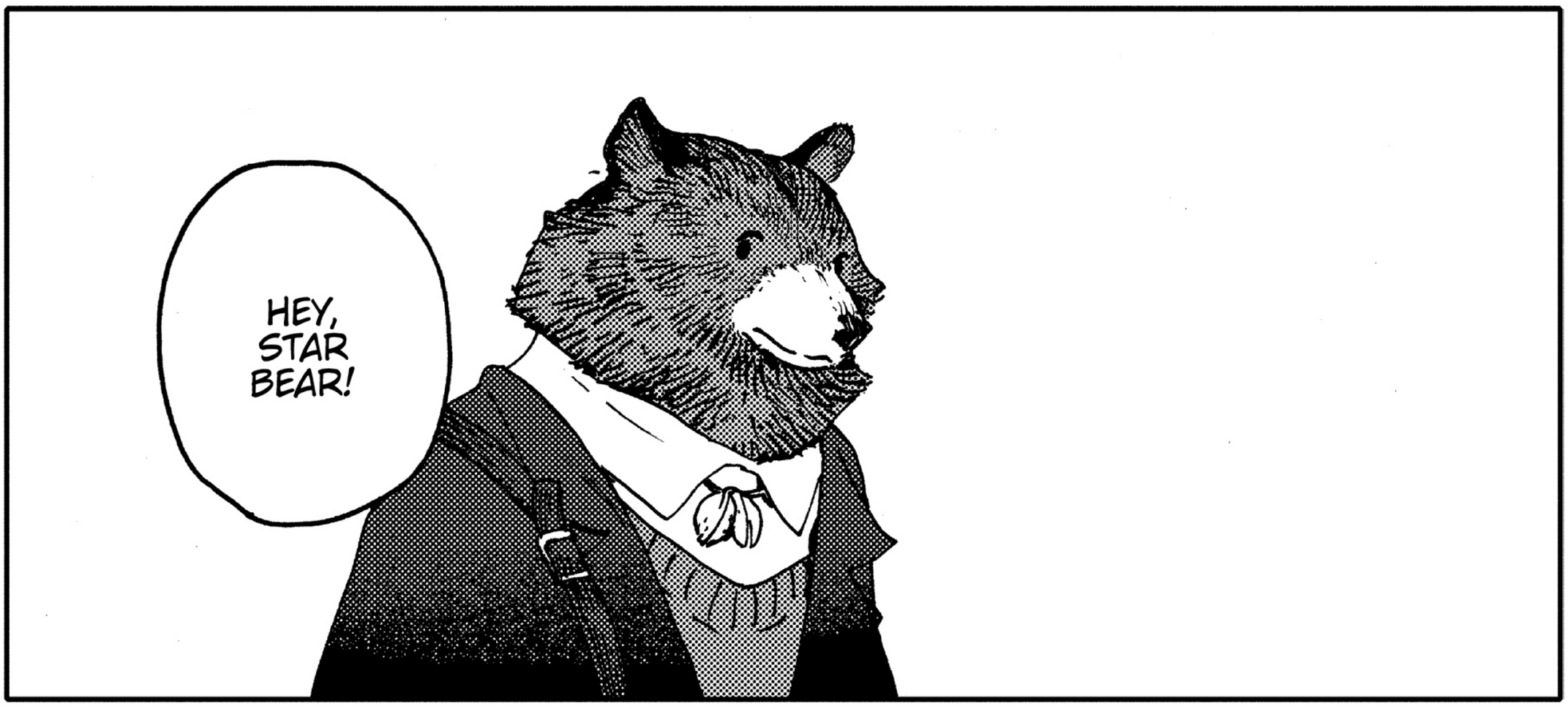
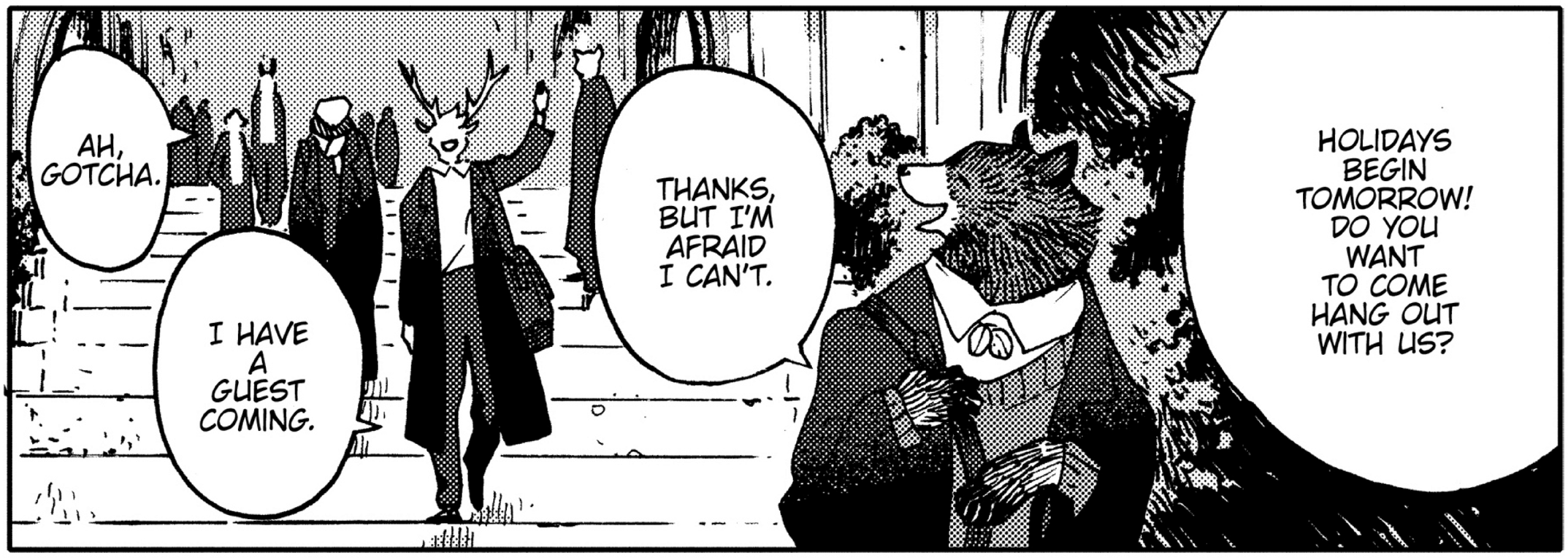

HEY, STAR BEAR!


AH, GOTCHA.
I HAVE A GUEST COMING.
THANKS, BUT I'M AFRAID I CAN'T.
HOLIDAYS BEGIN TOMORROW! DO YOU WANT TO COME HANG OUT WITH US?

RAGIL
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Mauchly & Charles

Beast & Man

CHARLES! YOU'RE AWFULLY EARLY!

THERE YOU ARE.

NAH, I JUST DON'T DAWDLE LIKE YOU TEND TO.

A-HA!

HERE, LET ME HELP.

AH! NO, IT'S OKAY! THEY'RE REALLY HEAVY...

HEFT

A LITTLE, YEAH.

YOU BROUGHT A WHOLE LOT OF THINGS THIS YEAR.

I KNEW YOU'D BE HERE SOON, THOUGH.

I COULD HEAR THE WALNUTS YOU WEAR RATTLING.

RATTL

I DON'T MIND.

YOU CARRIED THEM ALL THIS WAY! YOU MUST BE TIRED.

I'D HEARD OF HU-MANS ...

BUT ONLY AS MYTHICAL CREATURES IN BOOKS AT WIZDOM'S.

AFTER ALL, NO ONE HAD EVER **SEEN** A HUMAN. I CERTAINLY HADN'T!

HE SAYS HE LIVES IN A GIANT KINGDOM REALLY FAR AWAY.

CHARLES IS FROM A TRIBE CALLED THE "HUMANS."

AT LEAST, NOT UNTIL I MET CHARLES.

HE WAS SMALLER THAN I'D EXPECTED.

MORE NOR-MAL.

THE FIRST HUMAN I'D EVER SEEN.

I FOUND HIM IN THE FOREST, SOAKED TO THE SKIN.

IT WAS A STORMY NIGHT.

AND FOR SOME REASON ...

I THOUGHT HE LOOKED TERRIBLY LONELY.

Don't worry. You'll be fine.

Here, let's get you home and bandaged up.

Goodness, you're hurt.

Eep ...!

What happened to you? Are you all right?

SOON WE WERE CHATTING LIKE OLD FRIENDS. HE TOLD ME SO MANY THINGS.

HE SEEMED CAUTIOUS AND DEFENSIVE AT FIRST, BUT BEFORE LONG HE RELAXED.

IN THE END, HE ASKED IF HE MIGHT RETURN SOMEDAY-- AS A PROPER GUEST.

I WAS DELIGHTED TO SAY YES.

ABOUT THE HUMAN KING-DOM.

WHERE HE WENT TO SCHOOL.

WHAT HE MOST ENJOYED EATING.

IT WAS FASCINATING.

HE'S COME TO SPEND A FEW DAYS WITH ME.

BETWEEN THE END OF WINTER AND THE START OF SPRING...

EVER SINCE, WHEN OUR SCHOOLS ARE BOTH ON HOLIDAY...

WAIT AND SEE! IT'S A SECRET.

I HAVE A KEEN NOSE, YOU KNOW!

HM?

WHAT'S THAT TASTY SMELL?

YOU NOTICED?

A SECRET? WHAT COULD IT BE?

I CAN NEVER GET OVER HOW HUGE THIS TREE IS!

WOW.

IT'S VERY PRETTY.

IN SPRING IT'LL BE COVERED IN BLOSSOMS.

KA-CHAK

SURE.

CHARLES, IF YOU WOULD?

IS HERE ALL RIGHT?

YEP.

I REARRANGED SOME THINGS TO MAKE MORNINGS MORE PLEASANT.

I DID!

DID YOU REDECORATE?

LET'S SEE...

WHAT SHALL WE DO FIRST?

HUP!

TH-THUNK

DOZE

WAH!

THAT'S... NOT DOING ANY-THING.

I'M SUN-BATHING.

I'M BASKING IN HEAT!

COME JOIN ME!

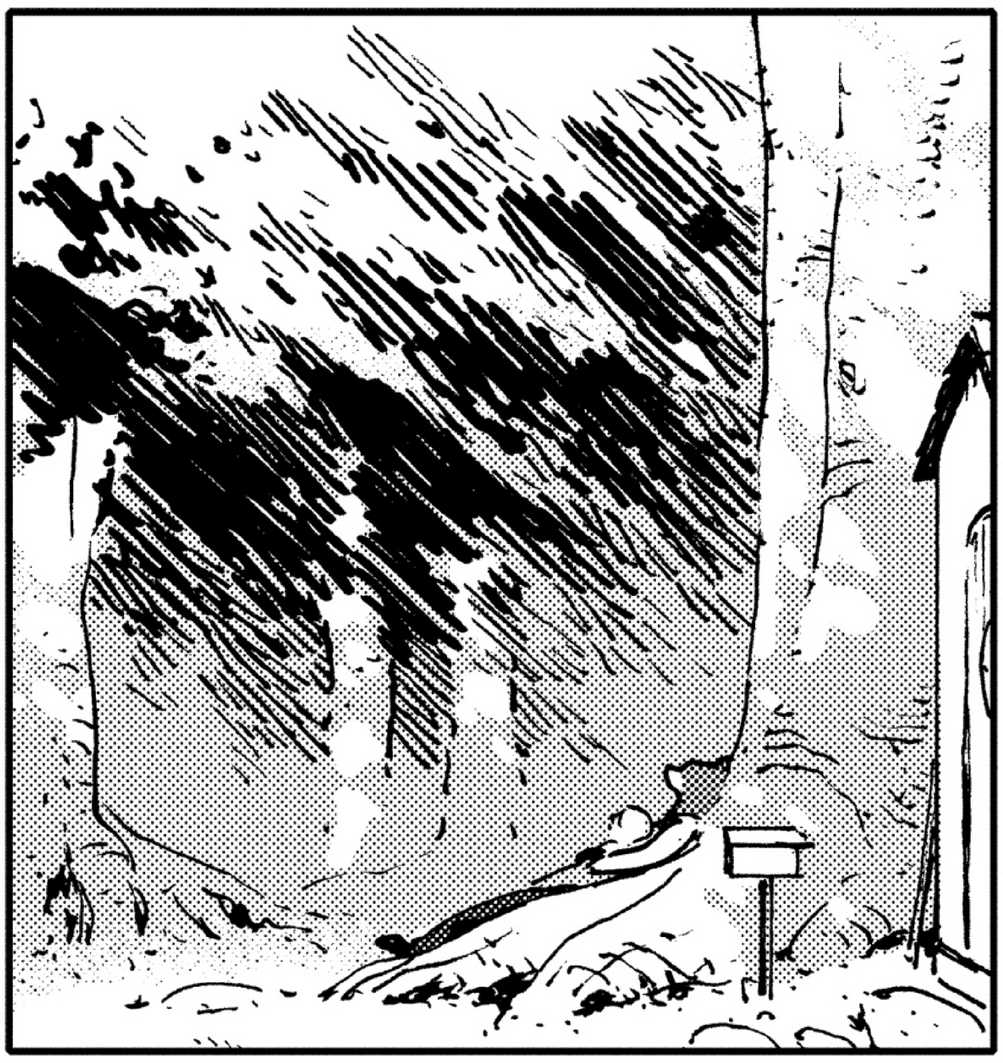
HERE!

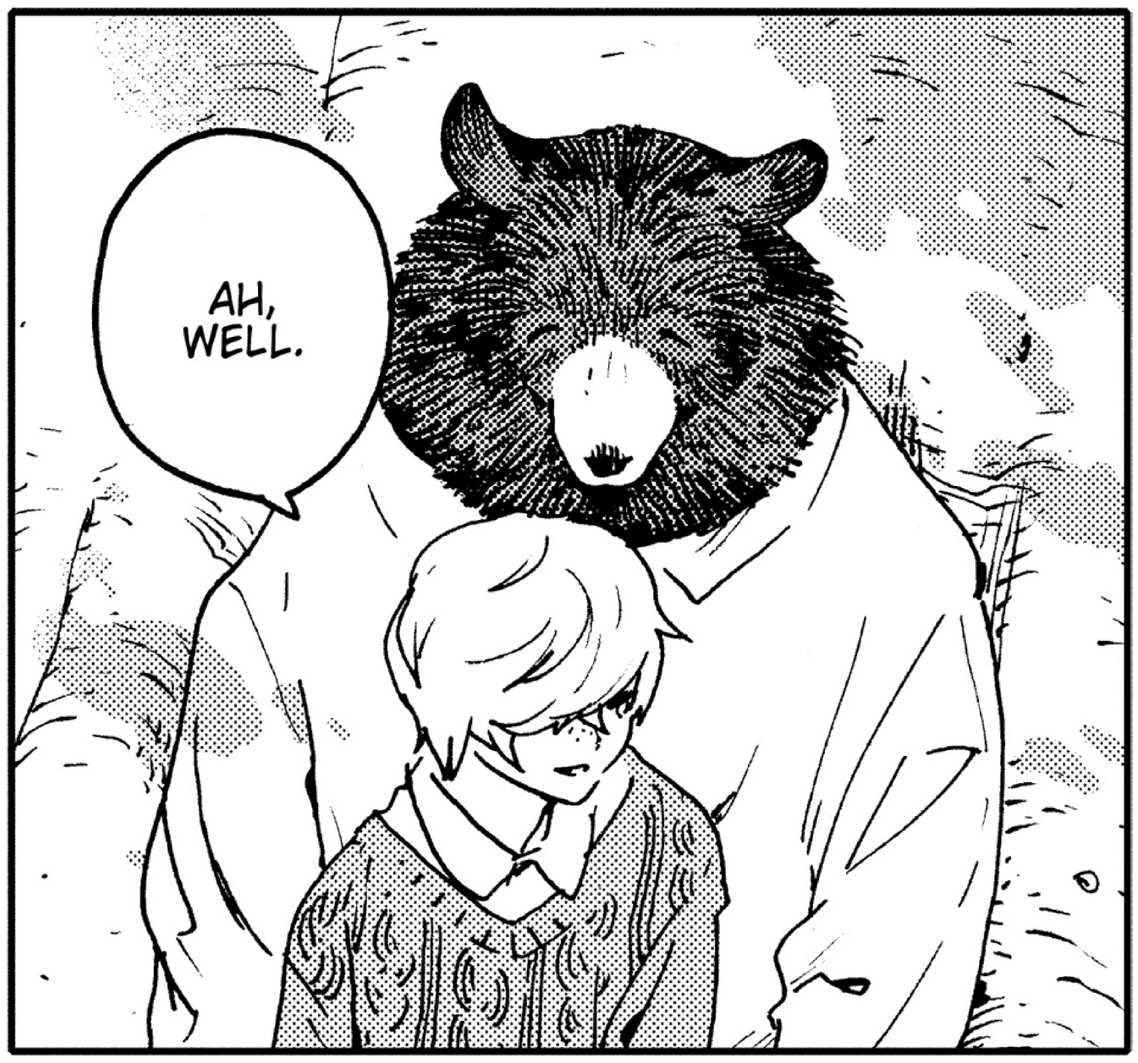
BOFF

SHEESH. YOU'RE SO LAID-BACK ABOUT EVERY-THING.

OF COURSE I AM!

YOU AREN'T DOING ANYTHING?

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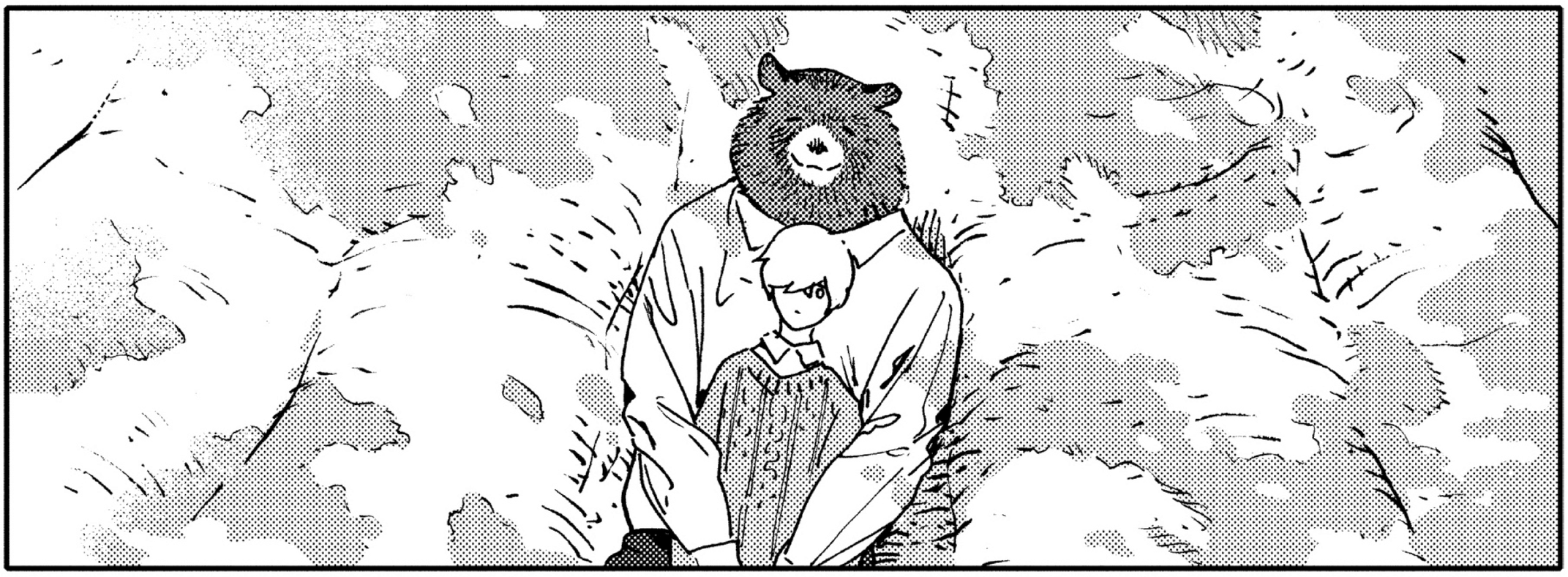
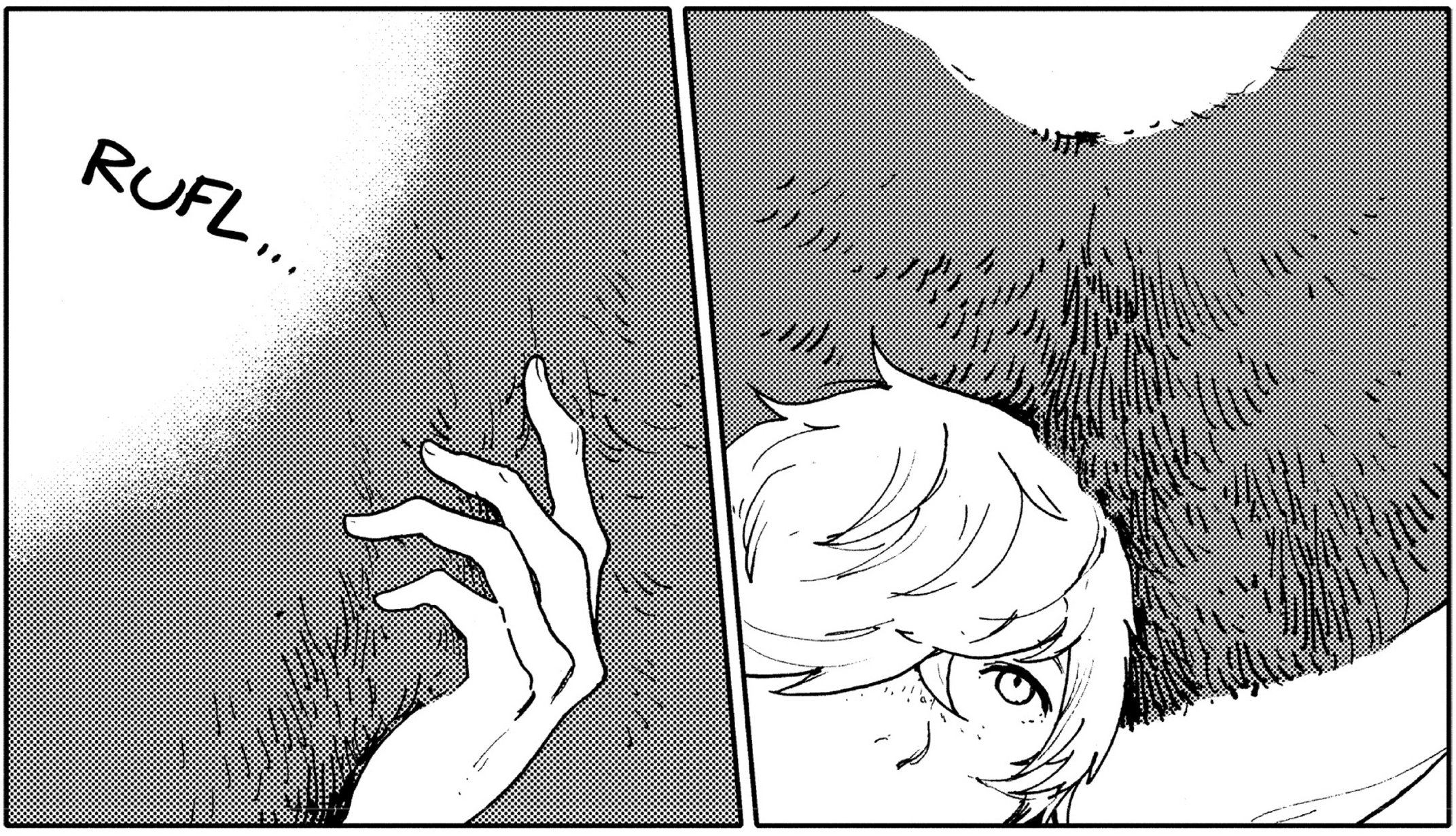



RUFL...

GRIP
RUB
IS SOMETHING ON MY PAW?

YOUR PAWS ARE SILKY SMOOTH.

WELL, I *AM* A DEMI-HUMAN.

NO. I WAS JUST THINKING HOW FUZZY THEY ARE.

A BIT CHILLY.

AND...

TRUE.

WE'RE DIFFERENT.

I DON'T GET THICK WINTER FUR LIKE YOU, MAUCHLY.

SURE, 'CAUSE IT'S WINTER.

I'M BEAR TRIBE...

AND YOU'RE HUMAN TRIBE.

SWF

Y... YEAH.

.....

SNIF SNIF

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT...

AND...

WSH

ARE YOU GOING TO EAT ME?!

HUH?

I'M JUST SAYING YOU SMELL TASTY.

I THINK IT'S THE SAME SCENT I NOTICED IN YOUR LUGGAGE. ISN'T IT?

OH!

SOMEHOW YOU SMELL DELICIOUS TODAY.

RIGHT, I ALMOST FORGOT.

TA-DAAA!

RIGHT, I ALMOST FORGOT.

I MADE IT. I THOUGHT IT'D BE NICE TO EAT ONE TOGETHER.

IT'S A BLUEBERRY PIE.

THE TASTY-SMELLING THING! WHAT IS IT?

I ALREADY LIKE IT! CAN WE EAT IT NOW?

HA HA! BOY, YOU'RE REALLY DROOLING.

ER...

OKAY, MY MOM DID MOST OF THE WORK. I JUST HELPED.

BUT I REALLY HOPE YOU LIKE IT.

LET'S EAT, THEN.
I'M HUNGRY, TOO.
WHILE WE EAT, TELL ME ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL.
TELL ME ABOUT YOURS, TOO.

HEY, CHARLES?

COME SEE.

THE STARS ARE SO PRETTY TONIGHT.

LOOK.

THEY REALLY ARE.

LOOK! A SHOOTING STAR!

THE SKY'S BLACKER HERE.

WHERE I LIVE, YOU CAN'T SEE THEM THIS CLEARLY.

I SEE.

ACHOO!

ARE YOU COLD?

A LITTLE.

SNRF

SNUGGLE

TUG

THERE. DO YOU FEEL WARMER NOW?

THAT'S GOOD.

YEAH.

HEY, MALICHLY?

WHAT WOULD YOU THINK?

HMM...

LET'S SEE.

YES?

IF I WERE A BEAR LIKE YOU, NOT HUMAN...

OH?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

FUZZY FLUFFY ~

I THINK YOU'D BE REALLY FUZZY AND WARM!

IT'S JUST...

I FEEL LIKE I'M MAKING YOU WORRY ABOUT ME.

I'M NOT TOUGH AND STRONG LIKE YOU.

I WISH I COULD BE THE SAME AS YOU.

YOU HAVE **SPOTS** ON YOUR FACE.

I-I-I RUFL

WHAT IS IT?

WHY DO YOU TRY TO HIDE THEM?

OH, YES. FRECKLES.

THEY'RE CALLED FRECKLES.

NO, THEY DON'T.

THEY SUIT YOU.

WHY NOT?

'CAUSE I DON'T LIKE THEM.

I DO.

THEY DON'T. I HATE THEM.

NO.

YES, THEY DO.

THEY'RE WEIRD.

SEE?

LOOK AT THIS, CHARLES.

LOOKS LIKE A **STAR,** RIGHT?

A MARKING NO ONE ELSE HAS.

IT'S...

EVERYONE CALLS ME "STAR BEAR" BECAUSE...

I HAVE THIS ON MY CHEST.

ISN'T THAT WEIRD?

Hey, Freckles!

How'd you do on the exam, Freckles?

Come hang out with us, Freckles.

Hey, Freckles! Lend me your textbook.

Freckles!

That's what they're called, right?

Those weird things on your face.

Yeah, we're talkin' to **you,** Freckles.

IT'S NOT WEIRD.
IT...

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE WEIRD, EITHER.

RIGHT?

I LIKE THAT YOU'RE A HUMAN.

BESIDES...

I THINK THAT'S A GOOD THING!

IT'S ALL SO DIFFERENT FROM THE WORLD I KNOW.

HEARING YOUR STORIES ABOUT THE HUMAN KINGDOM IS SO INTERESTING.

IT'S THE SAME WITH PEOPLE.

I THINK IT'S GOOD THAT WE'RE DIFFERENT.

MAUCHLY...?

MM...?

AND...

OOPS! SORRY.

I CAN'T REALLY BREATHE... U u

SQUEEZE

THANKS.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

YEAH.

BOY, THE TIME FLEW BY.

BUT WHEN YOU'RE HERE, IT GOES SO QUICKLY.

YEAH.

IT FEELS LIKE I WAIT FOREVER BETWEEN VISITS...

NEXT WINTER SEEMS SO FAR WAY.

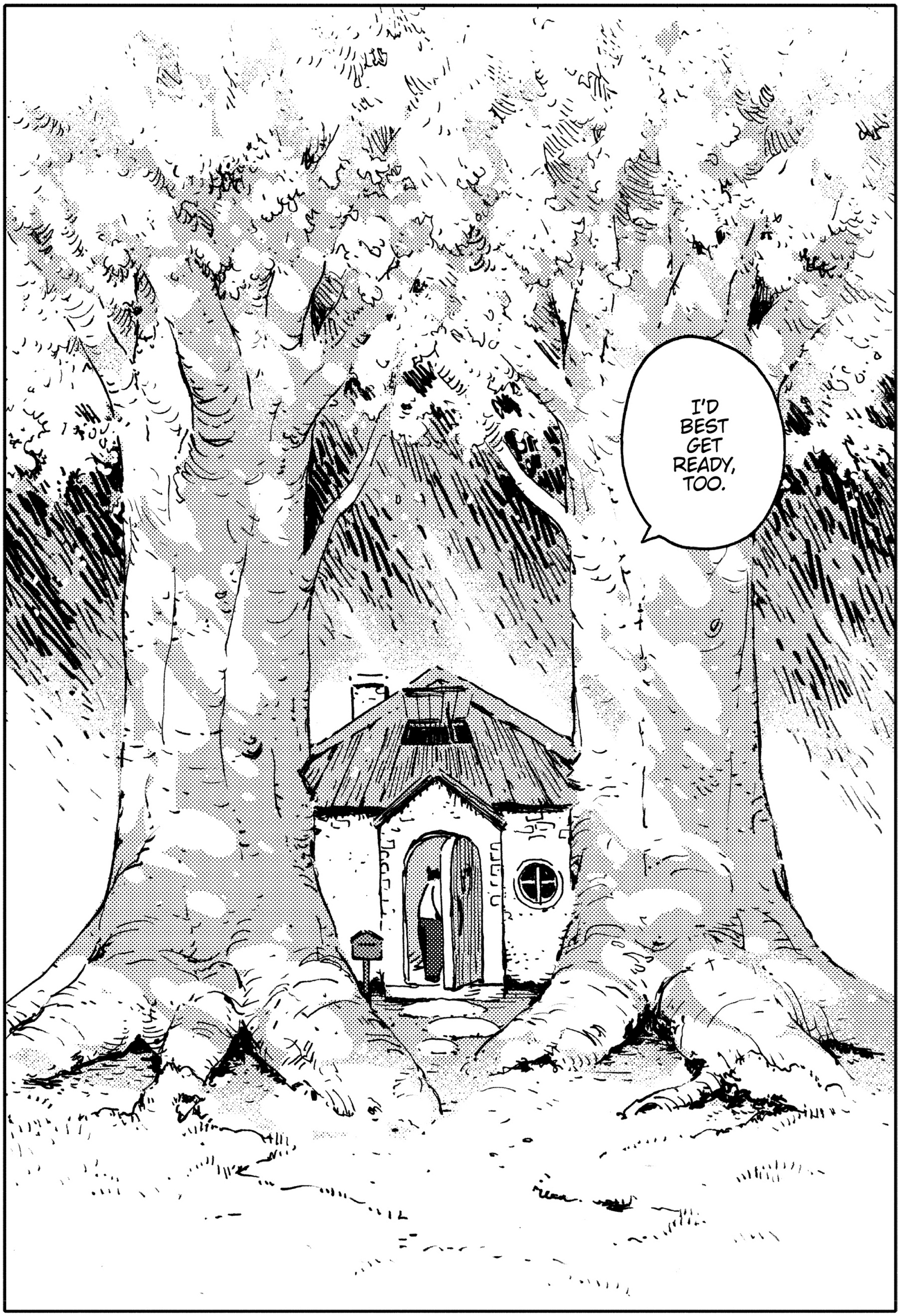
TP

MAUCHLY.

I'LL COME VISIT AGAIN. I PROMISE!

I'LL BE WAITING.

NOW,
THEN.



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ASIAN BLACK BEAR

Ursus thibetanus

Carnivora | Ursidae *Ursus*

The Asian black bear has a stocky body, a large head, thick limbs, and a short tail. They have a sharp sense of smell, but their senses of sight and hearing are more limited. The thick layer of subcutaneous fat dulls their sense of touch, too. They have large sharp claws that don't retract.

Since they're largely herbivorous, they have flat, rounded molars that are ideal for grinding and crushing plant matter. They're known to feed on a wide variety of things, such as acorns, beech nuts, pinecones, cherries, honey, grasses, herbs, insects, and occasionally meat. They hibernate during the winter. The white patch of fur across their chest looks like a crescent, so they're sometimes nicknamed "moon bears."

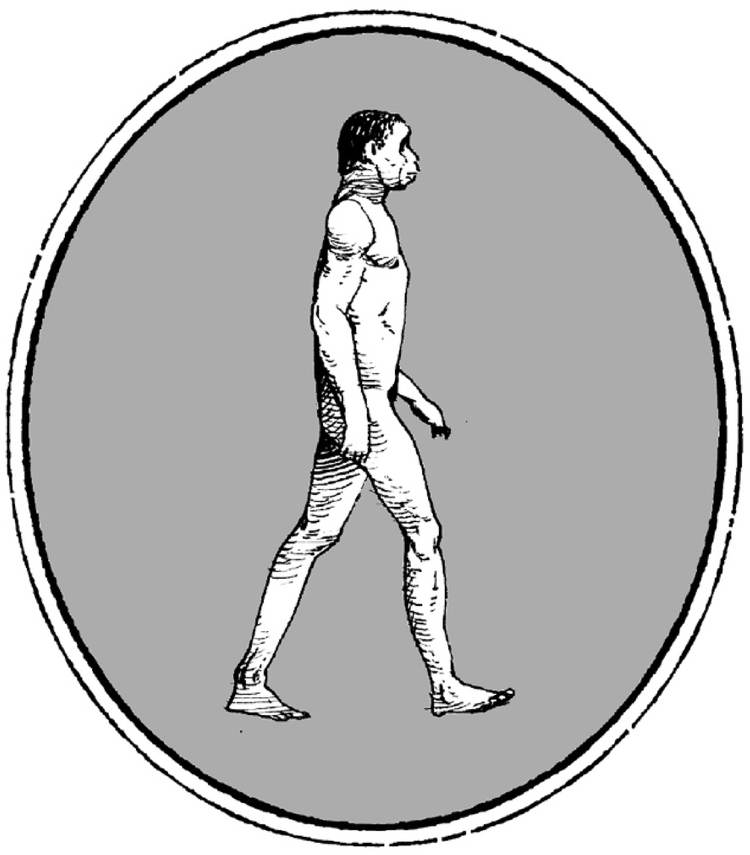
Primates | Hominidae *Homo*

Homo sapiens means "wise human" in Latin. Humans have highly developed brains and vocal cords, allowing them to create intricate communication systems using speech, gestures, and written symbols. Language acquisition is thought to be an ability inherent to the species.

They are the only fully erect bipedal mammal, and they have no tails, only a few vestigial tail bones at the base of their spine. Their hind legs are longer than their forelimbs, and they have fully developed heels. Another rare trait for a mammal is that their bodies are nearly hairless, leaving their skin almost completely exposed.

HUMAN

Homo sapiens



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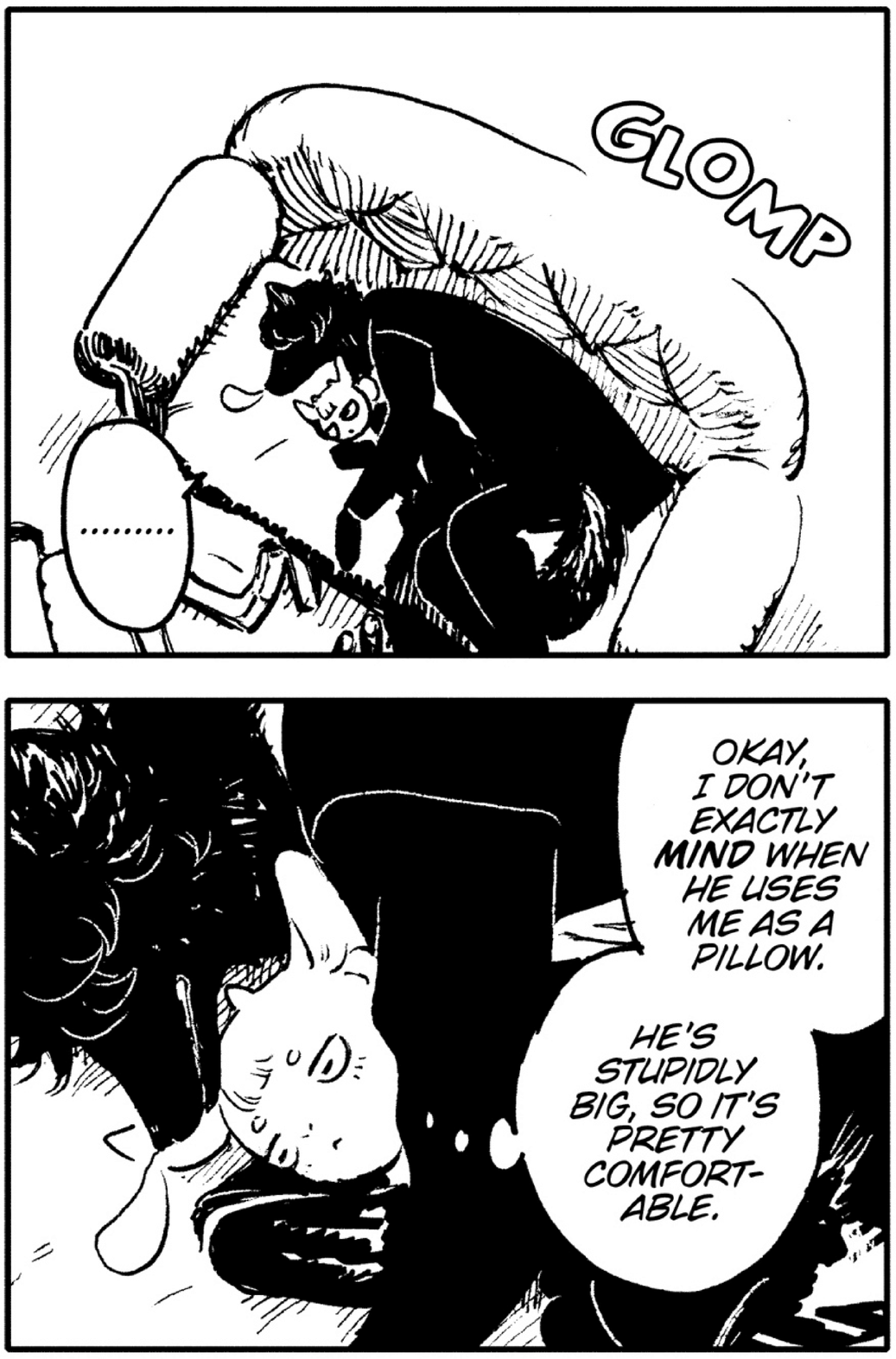

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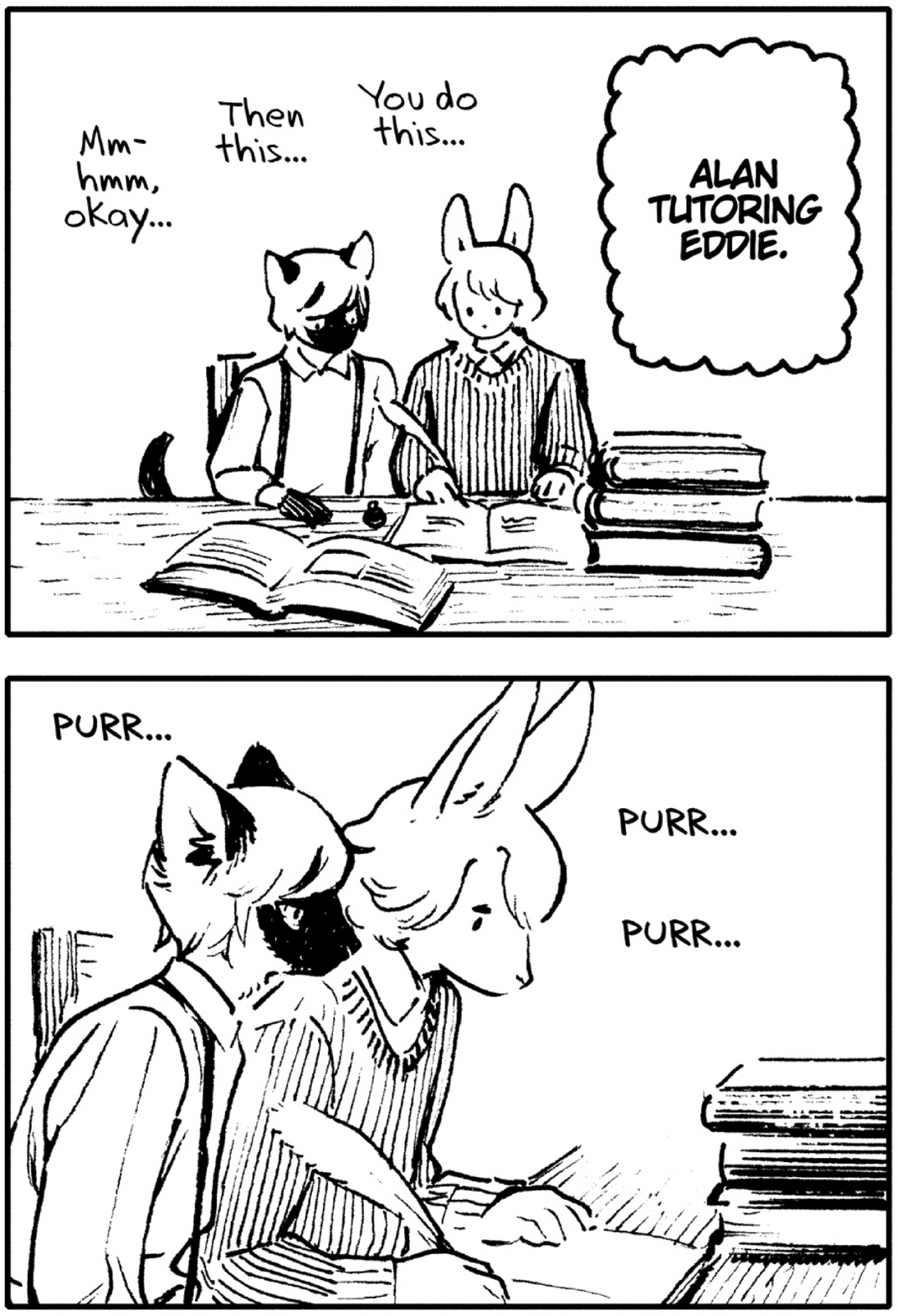

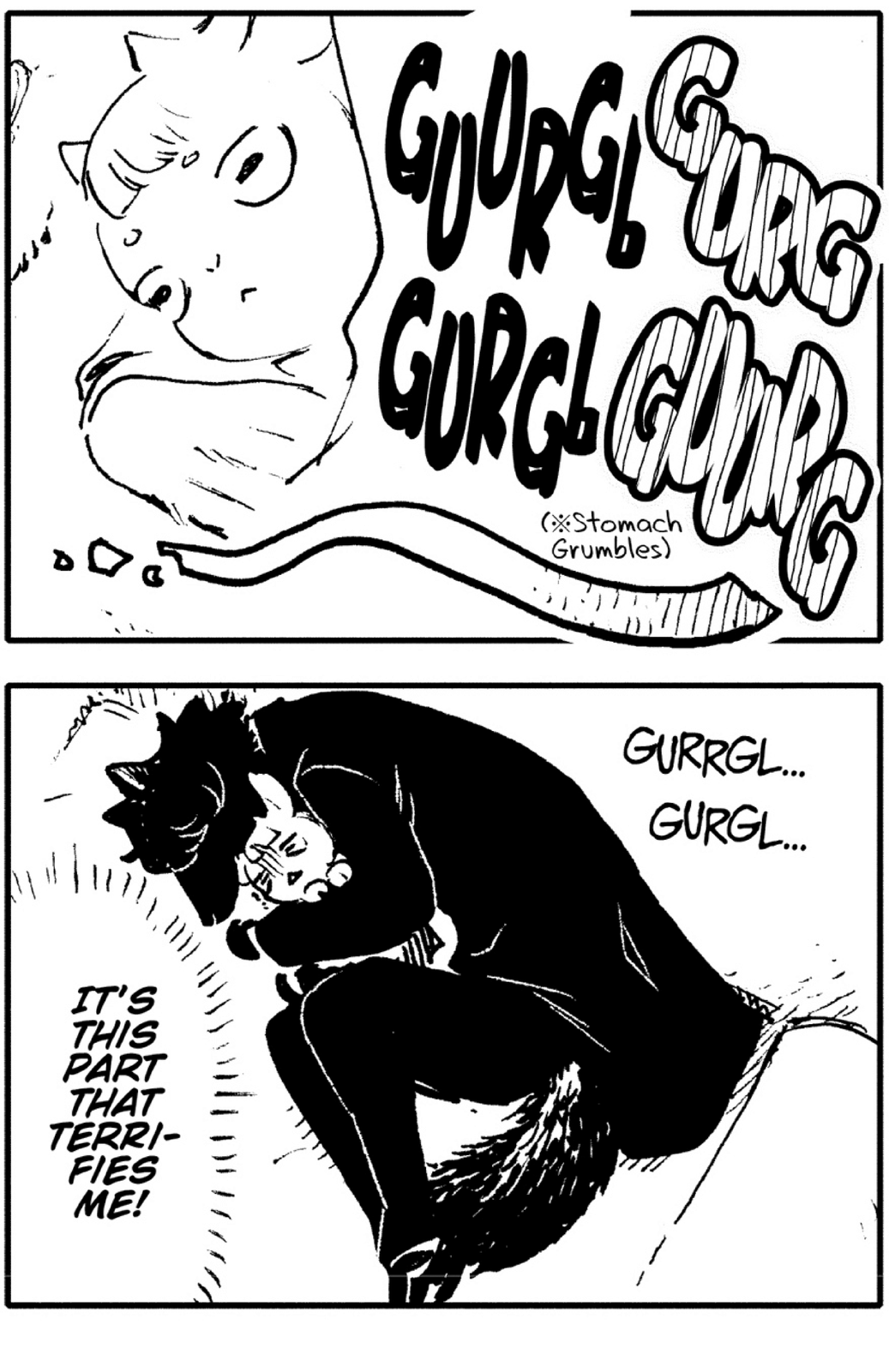

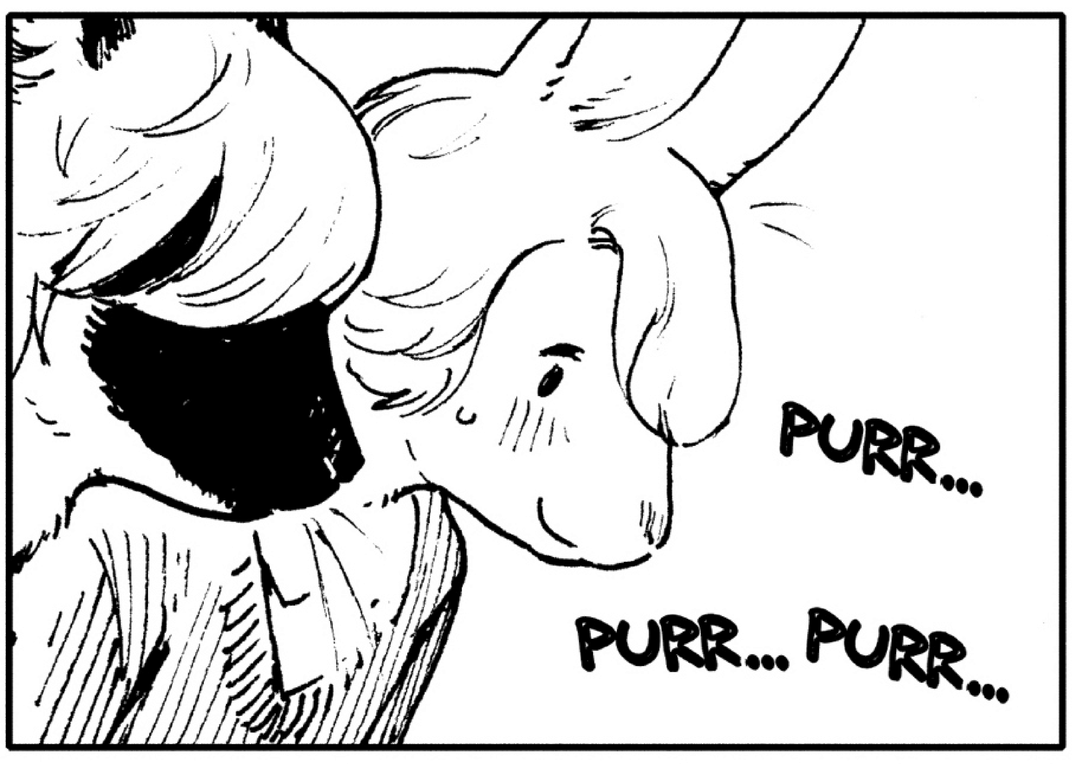

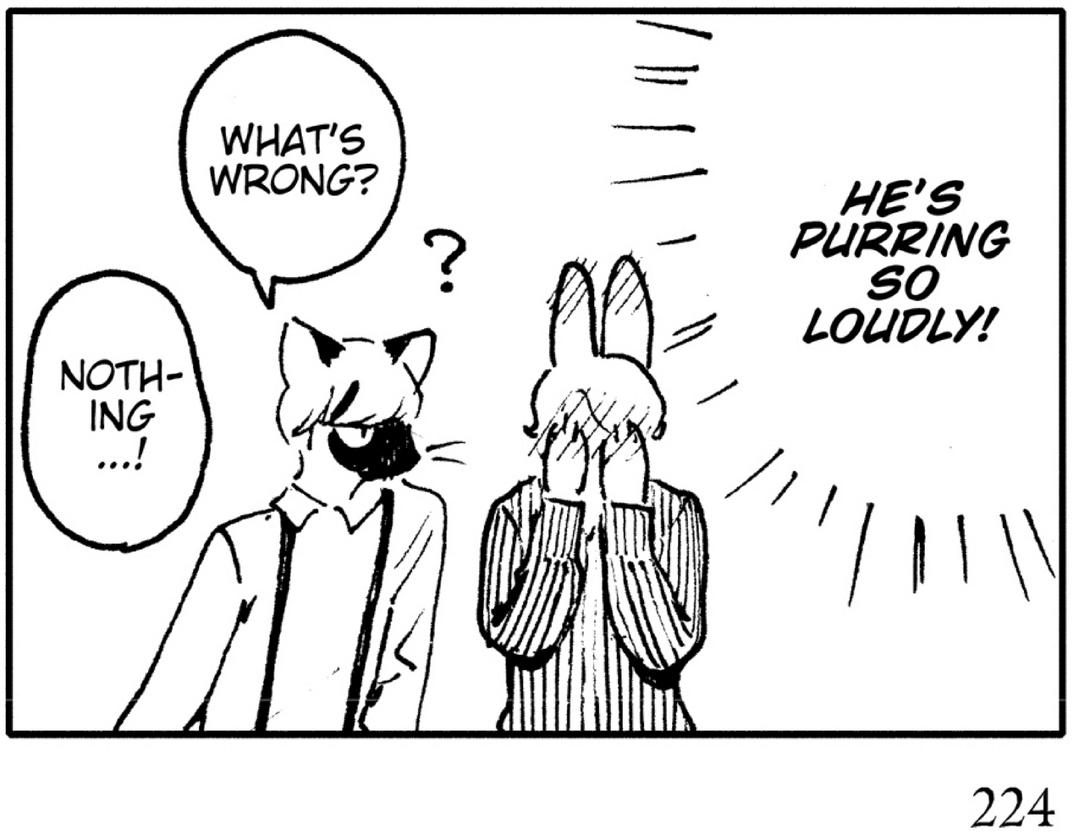

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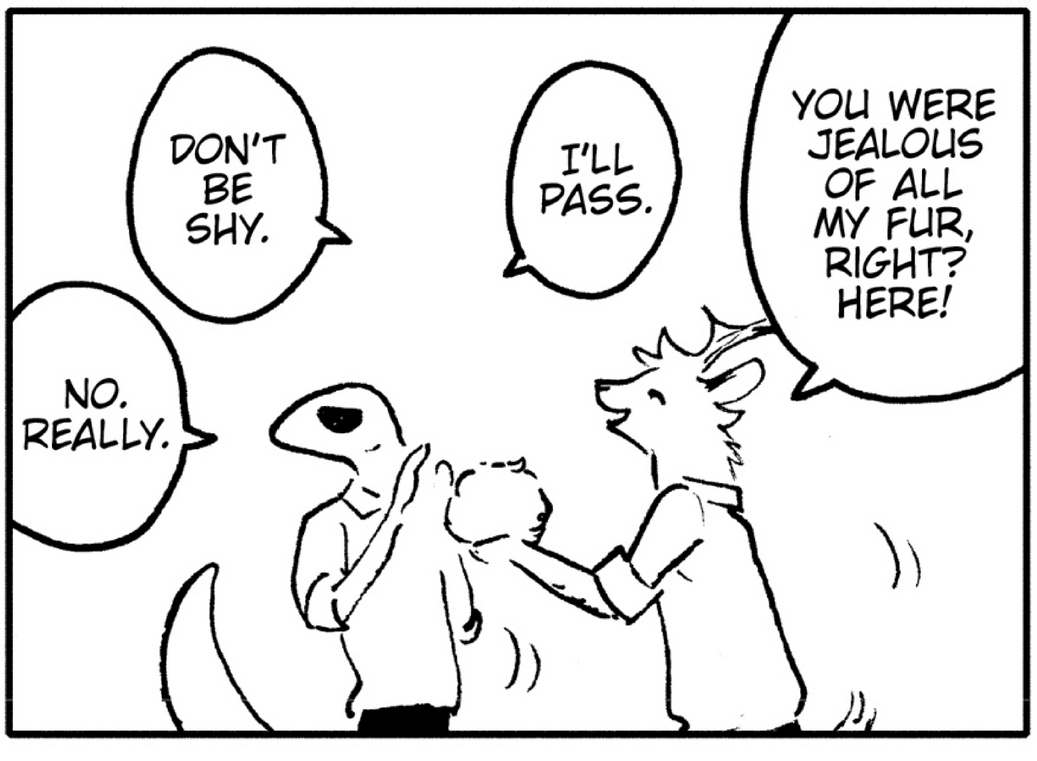

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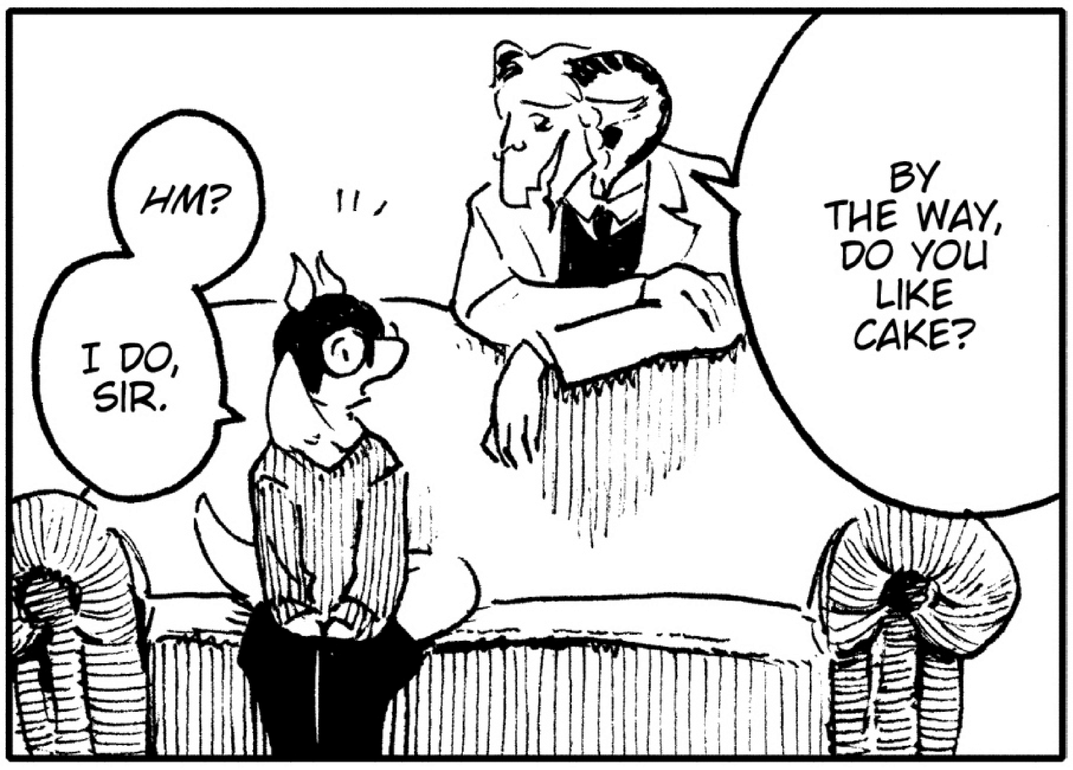

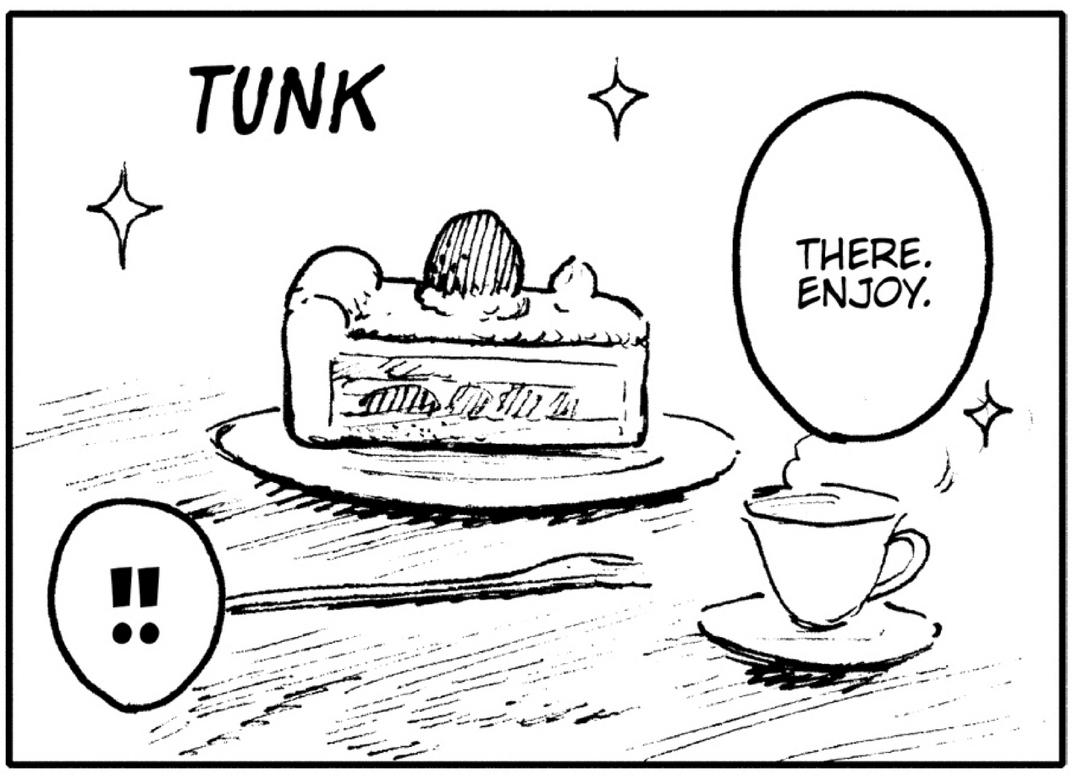

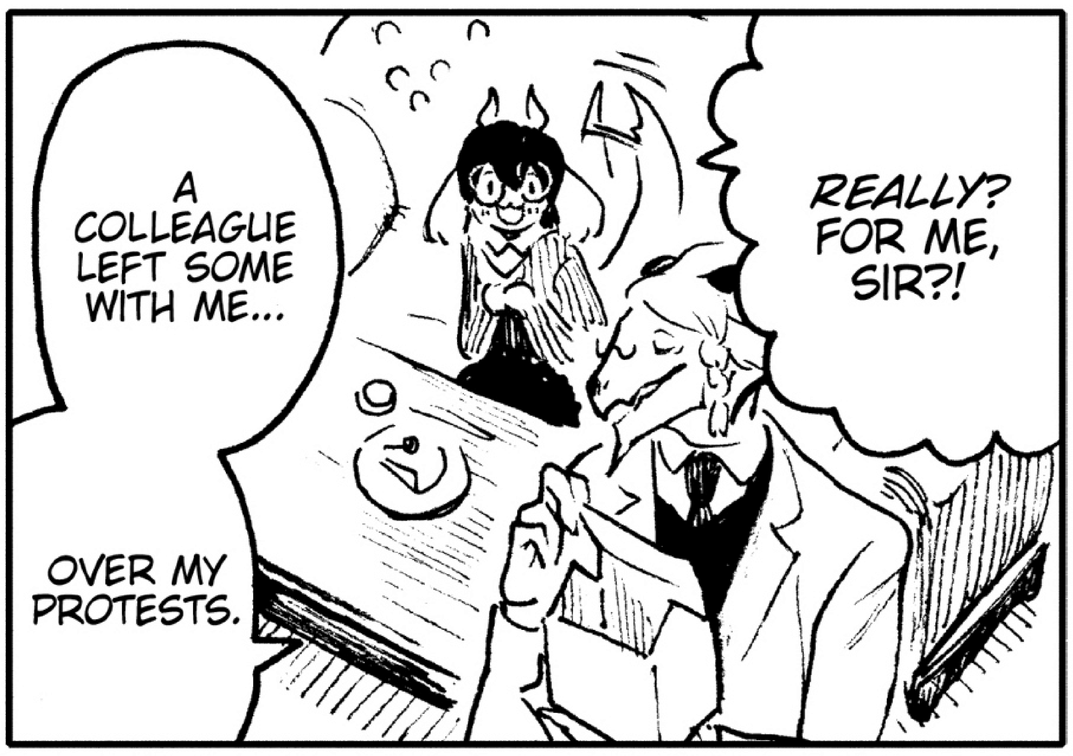

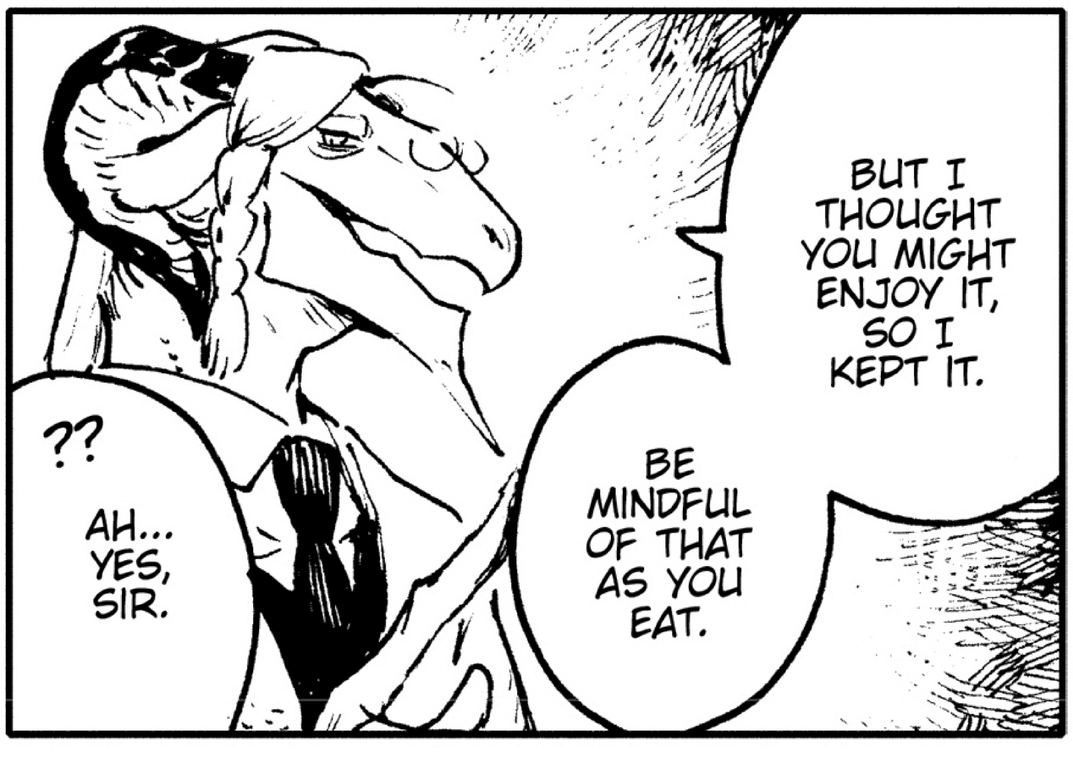

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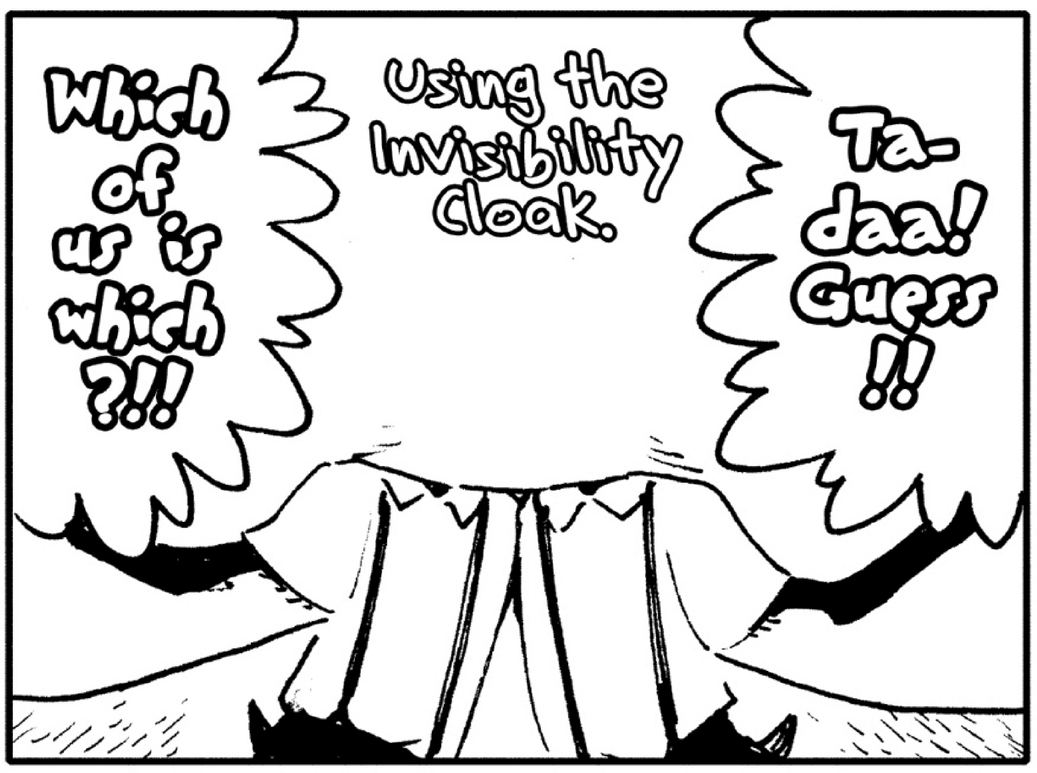

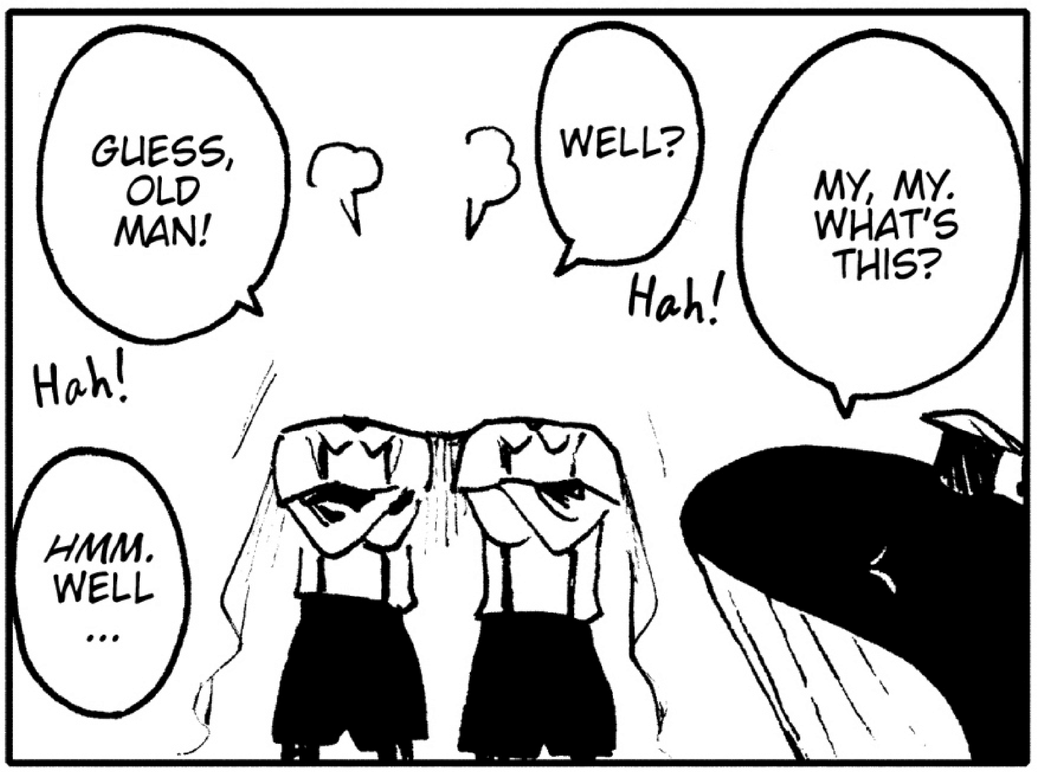

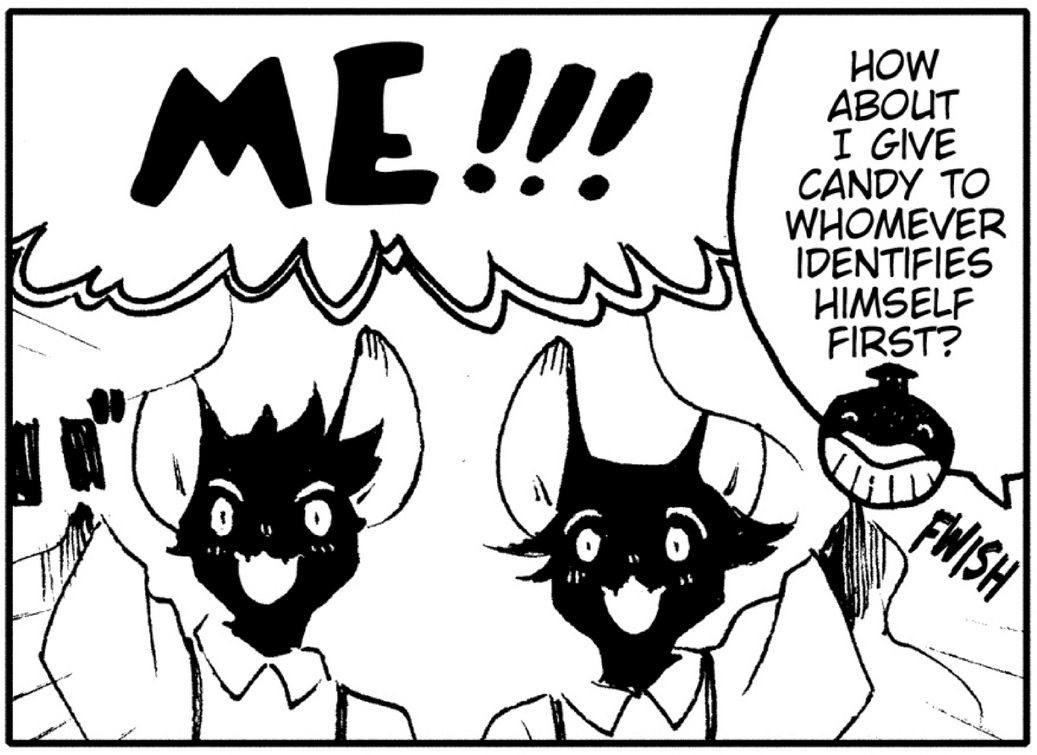

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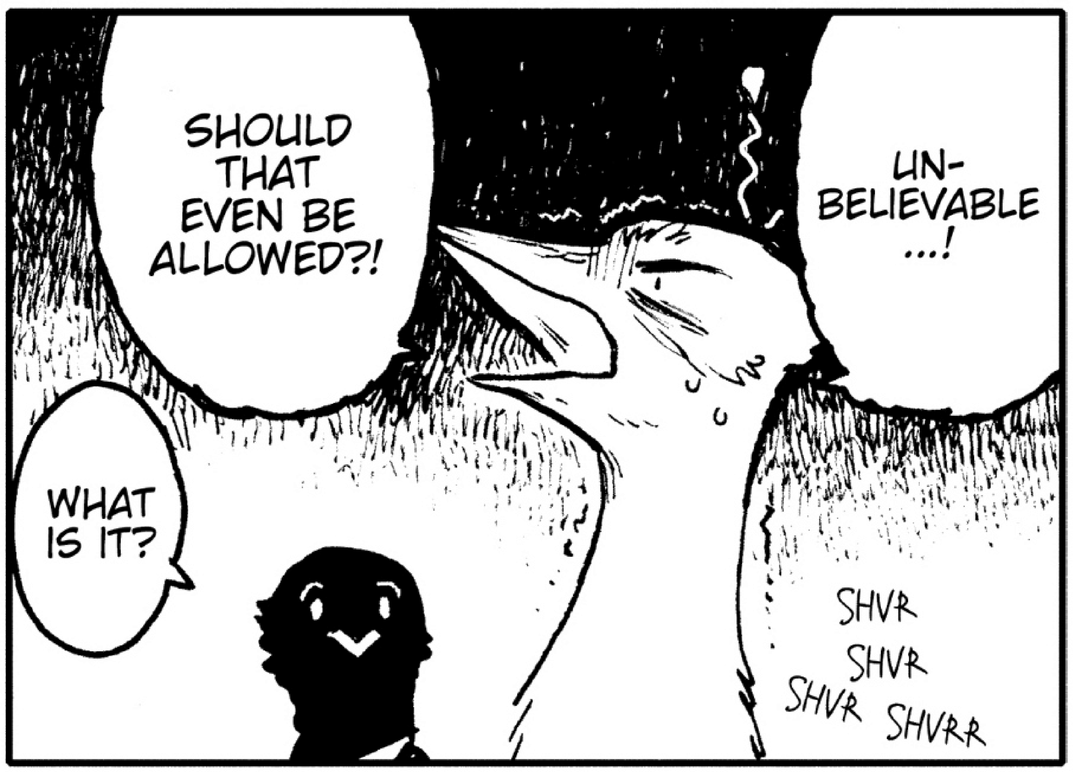

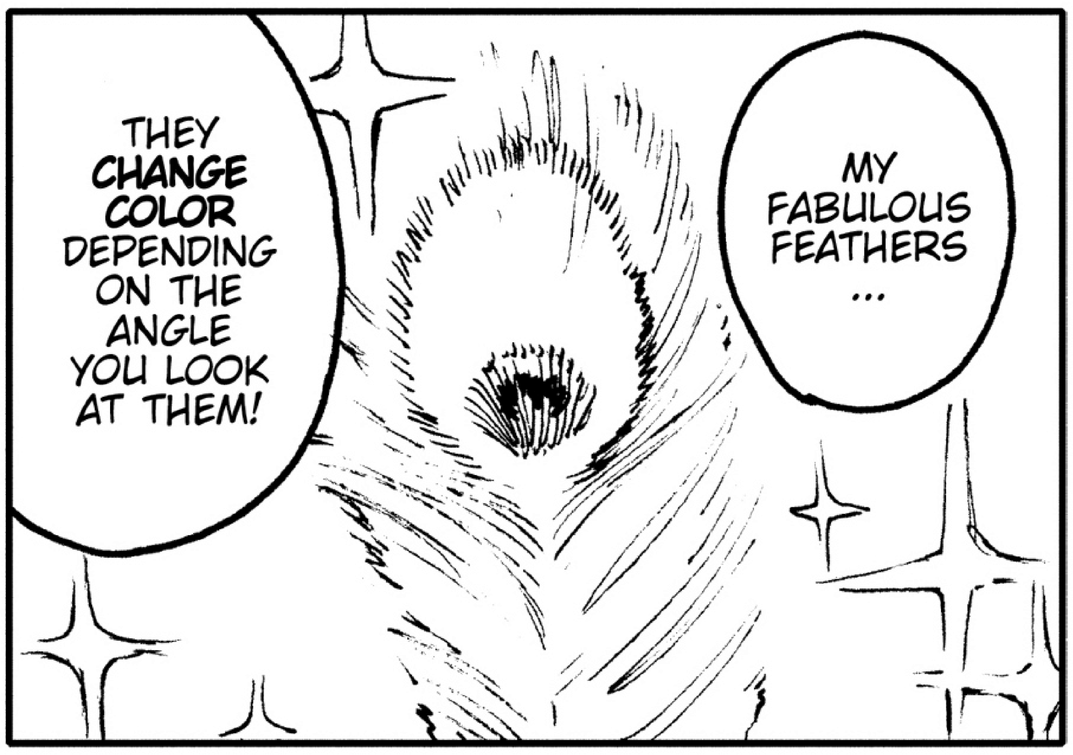

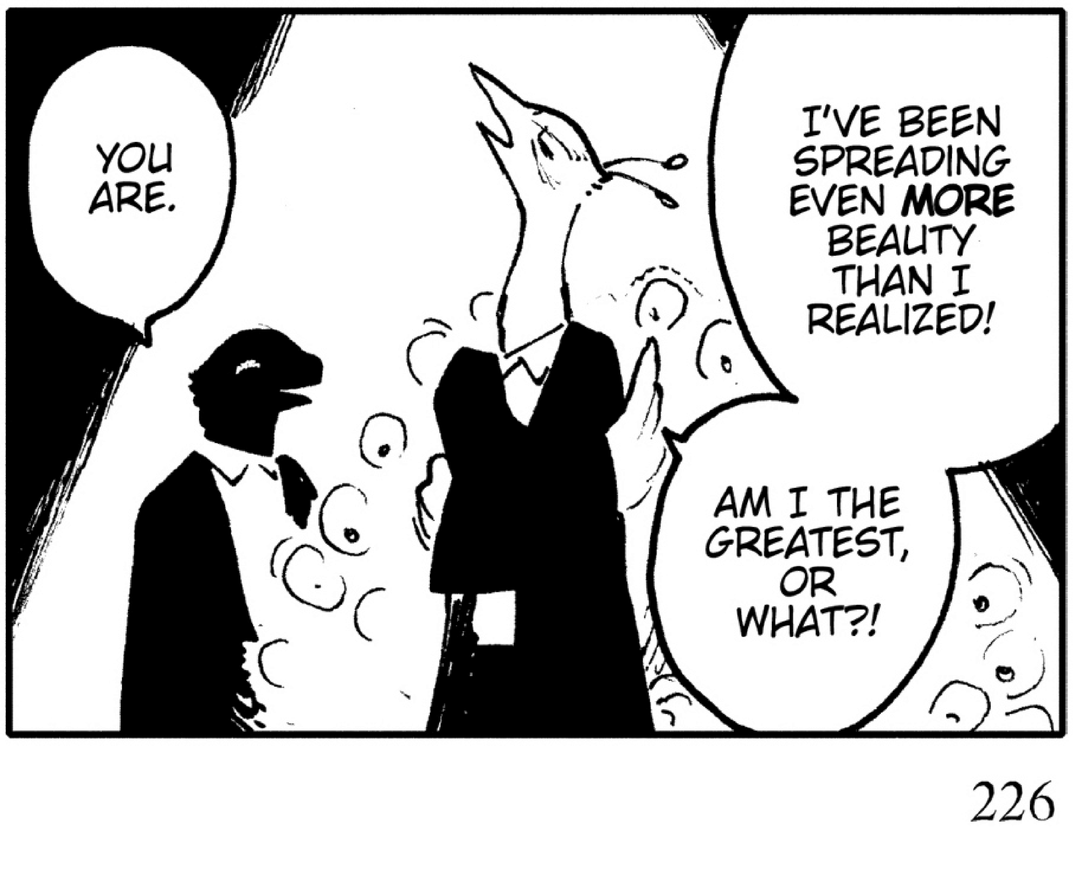

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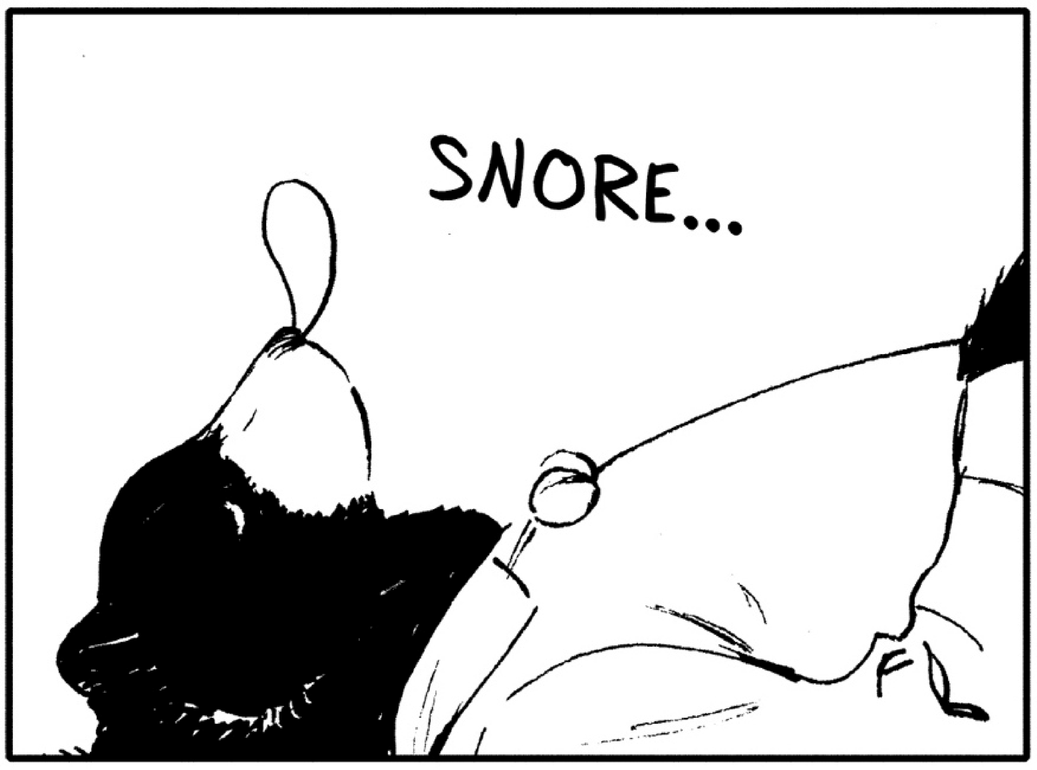

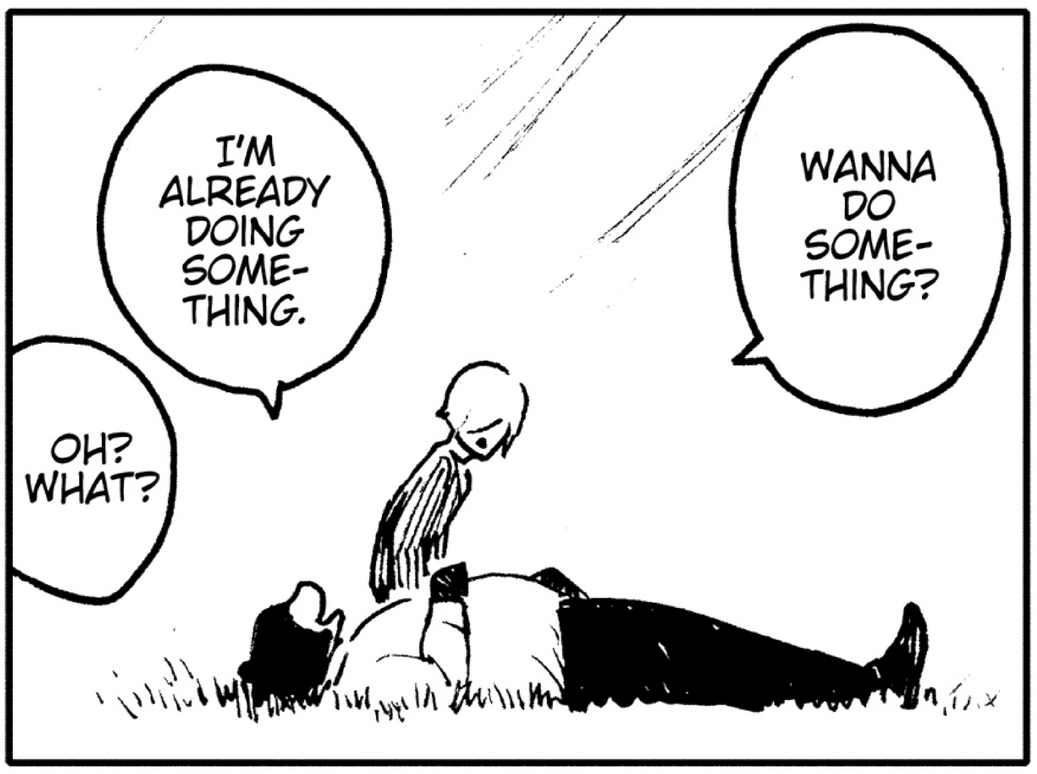

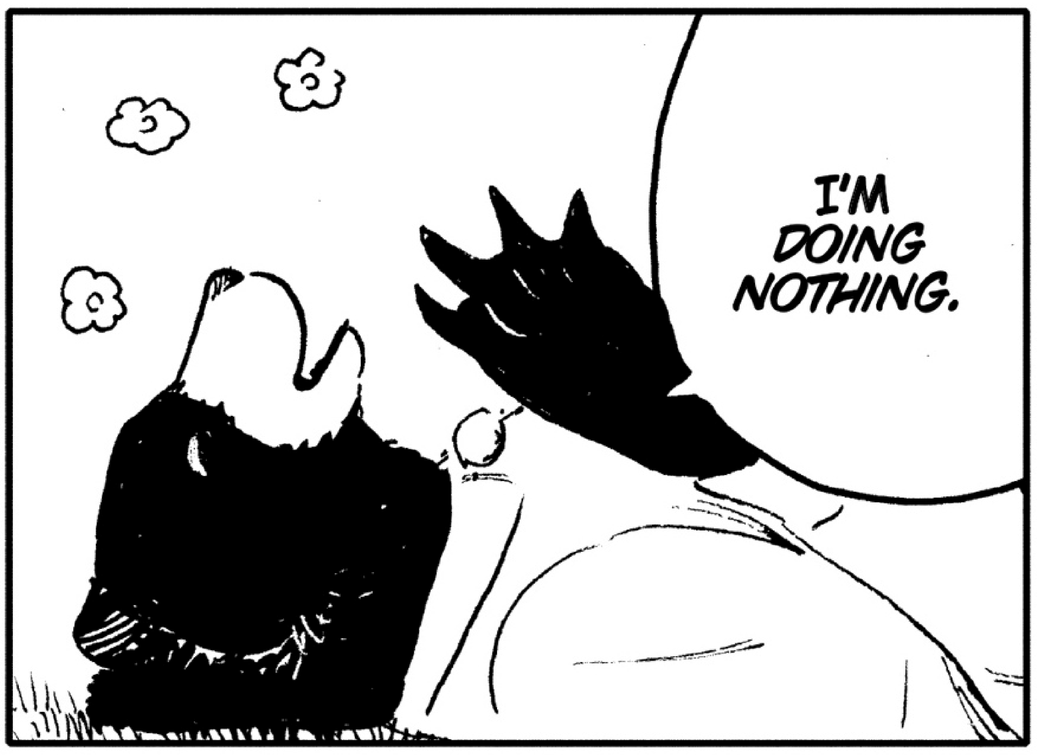

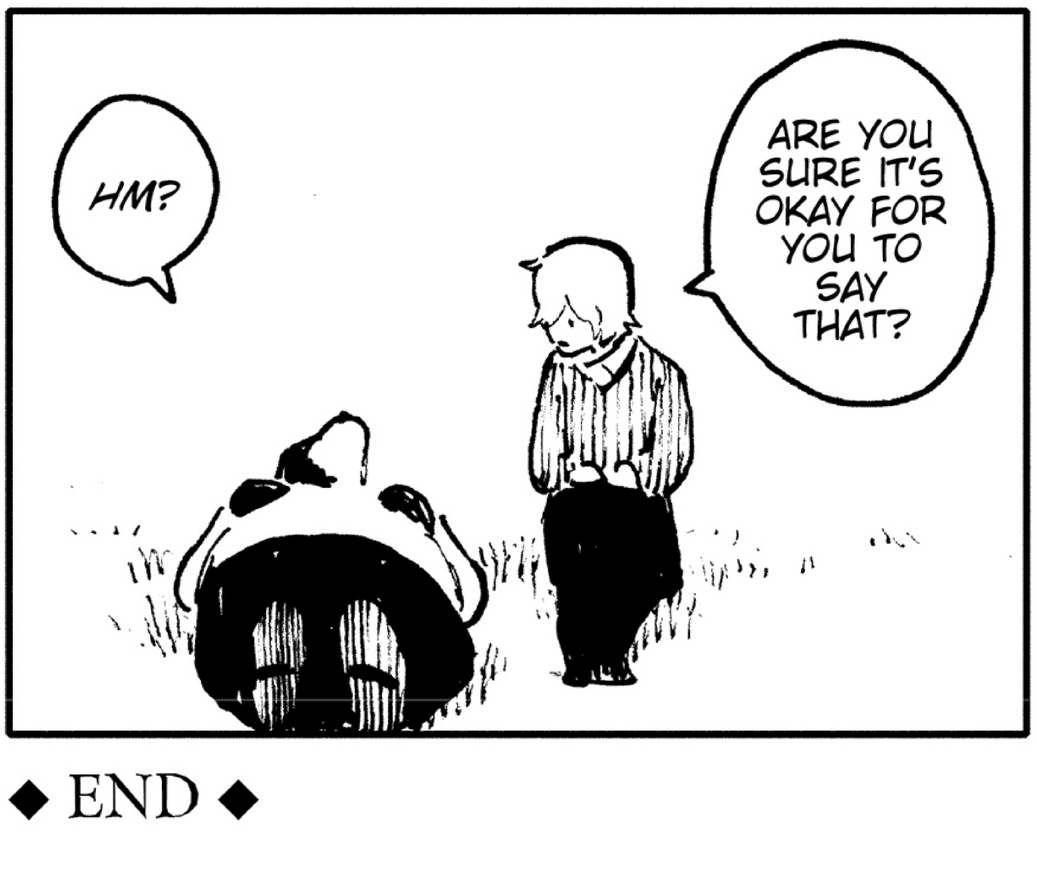

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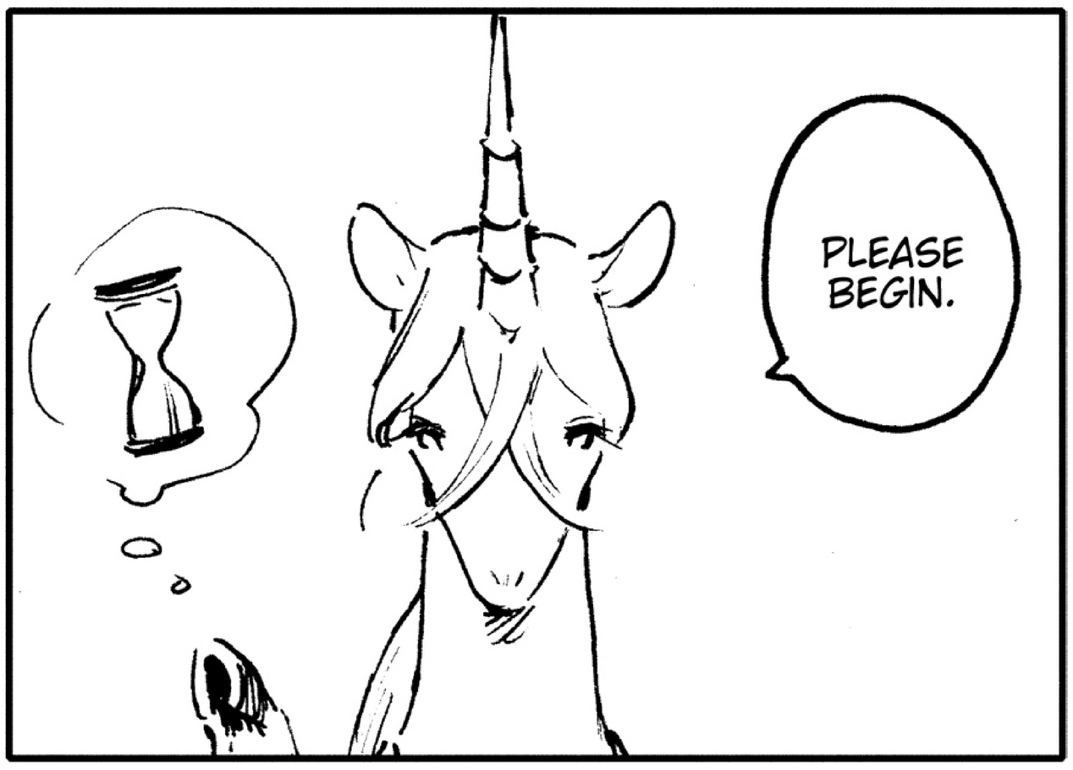

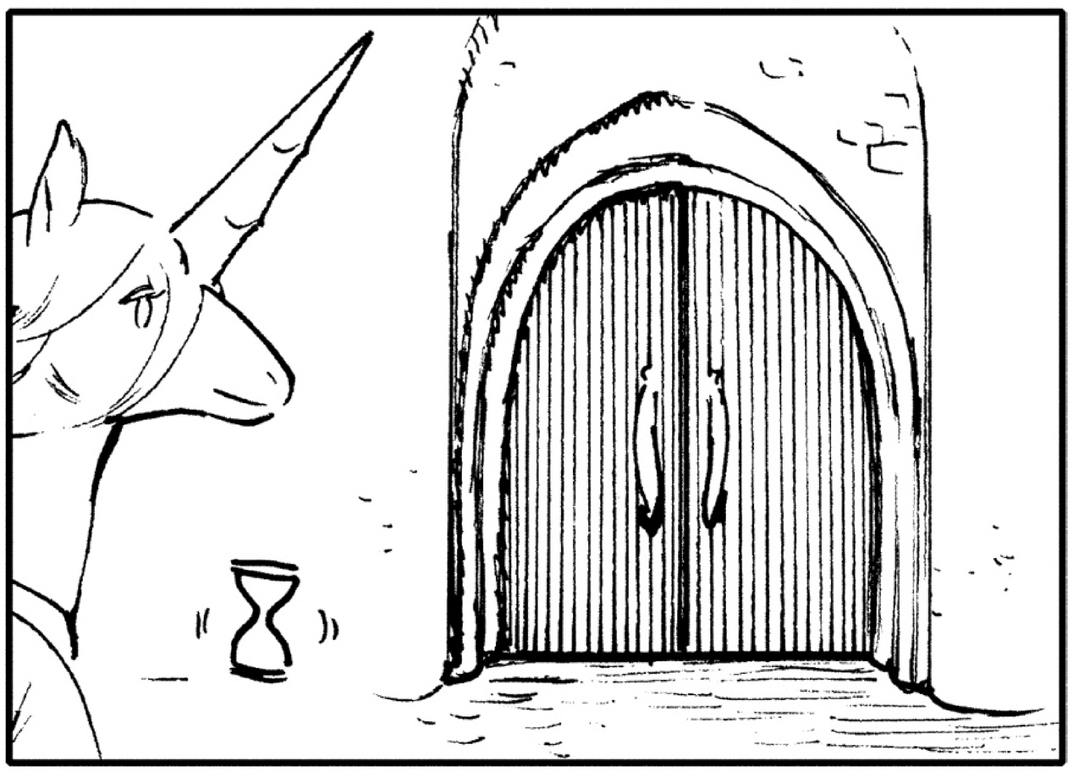

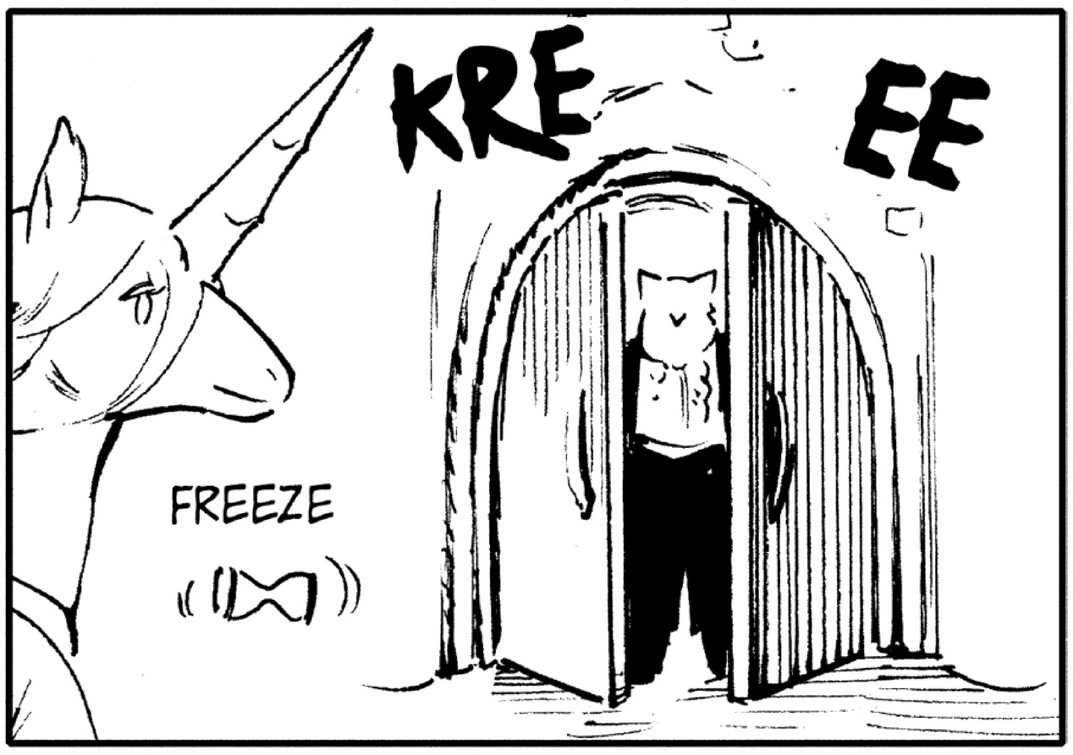

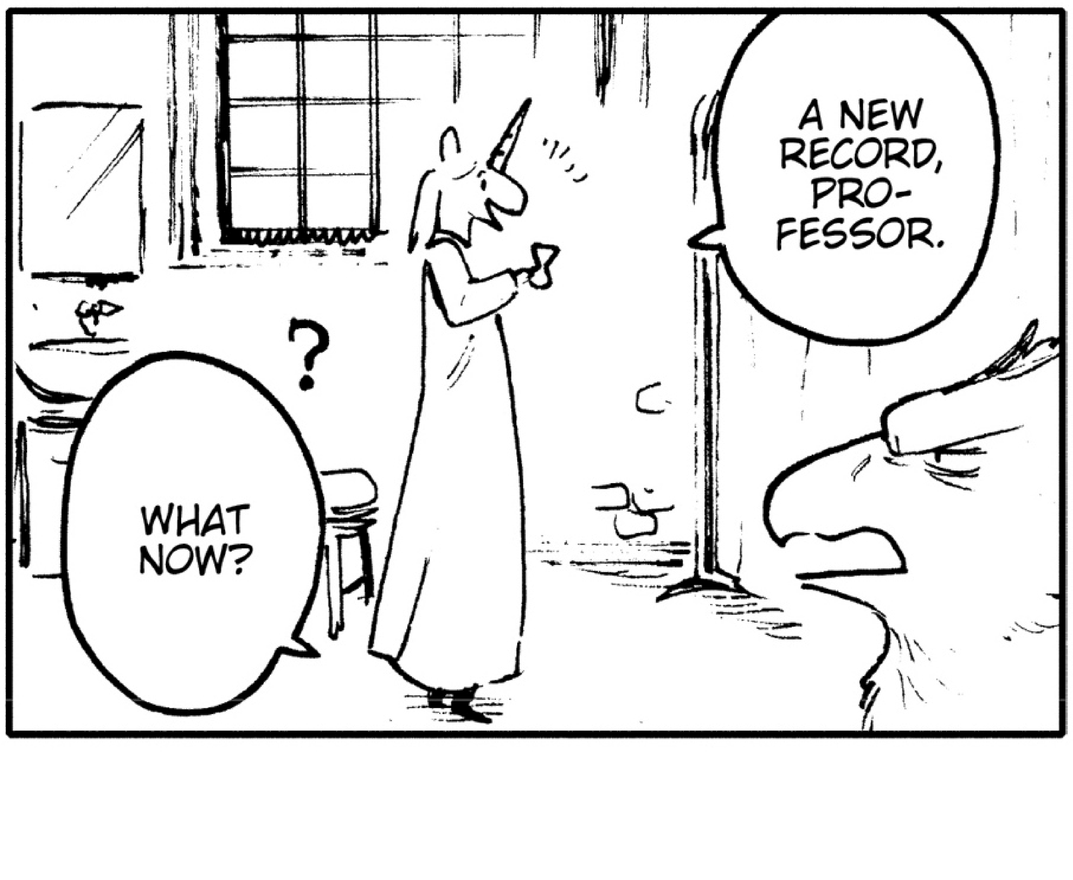

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Afterword

NAGABE THE FURRY HERE!

HELLO TO FURRIES AND NON-FURRIES ALIKE!

Bears have keen noses.

I USED CHARACTERS' ANIMAL TYPES TO DECIDE WHAT THEIR ABILITIES, ENVIRONMENTS, AND RELATIONSHIPS WOULD BE LIKE.

IF THEY HAD ANY UNIQUE QUIRKS, I TRIED TO IMPLEMENT THOSE INTO THE STORY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

Et cetera...

Vampire bats share blood with each other.

SO THIS TIME, I ADDED MORE NON-HUMAN ELEMENTS.

ON AN EARLIER TITLE OF MINE...

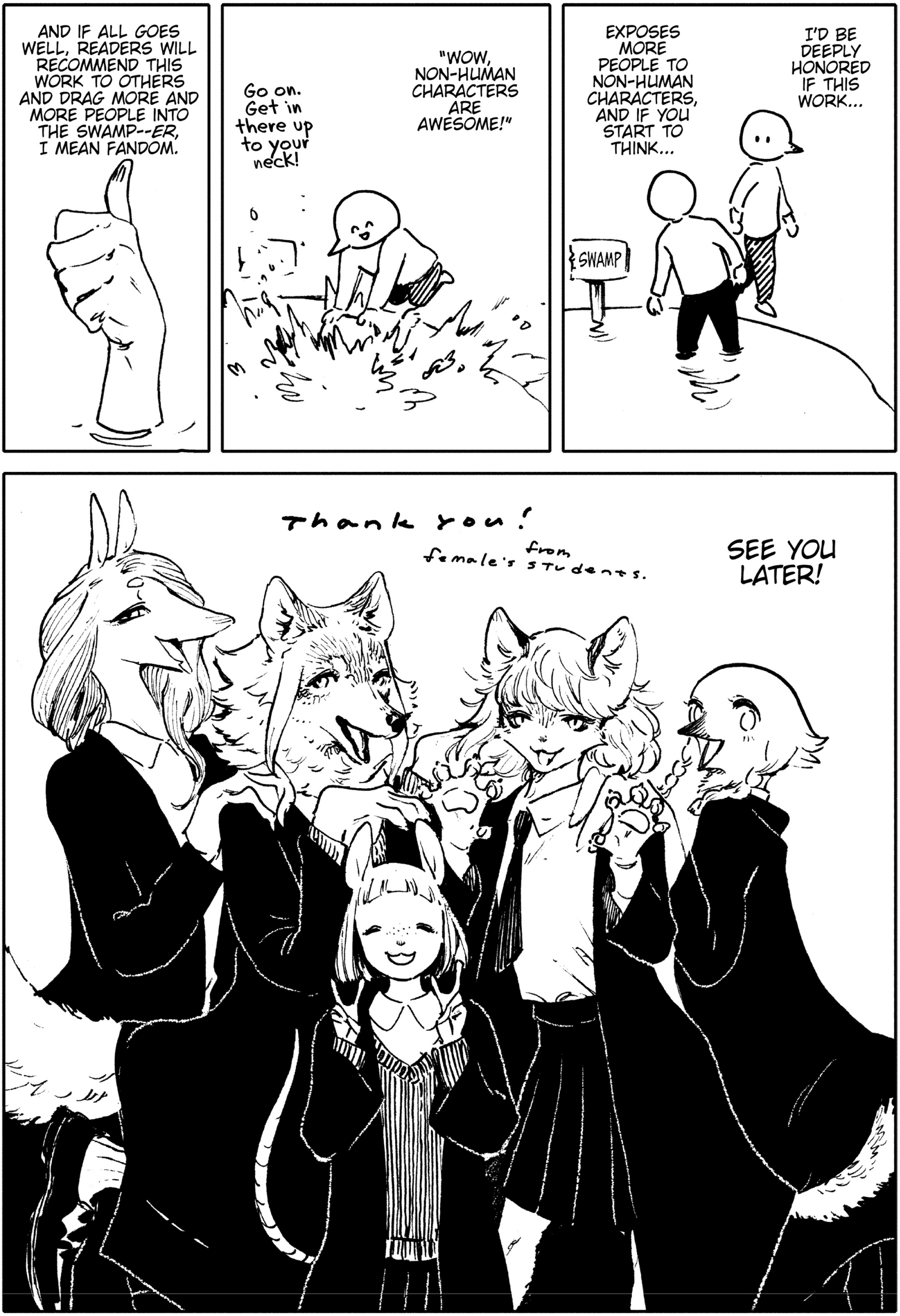
BUCHOU WA ONEE (THE BOSS IS A SISTER), SOMEONE COMMENTED AND SAID, "THE ONLY NON-HUMAN THING ABOUT THE CHARACTERS IS THEIR LOOKS!"

YEAH, NON-HUMANS ARE GREAT.

I GIVE MY HUMBLEST THANKS TO MY EDITOR, E-SAN!

I'M A LITTLE SAD THAT I COULDN'T *GO REALLY* IN DEPTH AND OUT THERE WITH ANY OF THIS...

BUT I'M DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO MY PUBLISHER FOR GIVING ME THIS MUCH FREEDOM!


AND IF ALL GOES WELL, READERS WILL RECOMMEND THIS WORK TO OTHERS AND DRAG MORE AND MORE PEOPLE INTO THE SWAMP--ER, I MEAN FANDOM.
Go on. Get in there up to your neck!
"WOW, NON-HUMAN CHARACTERS ARE AWESOME!"
EXPOSES MORE PEOPLE TO NON-HUMAN CHARACTERS, AND IF YOU START TO THINK...
I'D BE DEEPLY HONORED IF THIS WORK...
SWAMP
Thank you! from female's students.
SEE YOU LATER!

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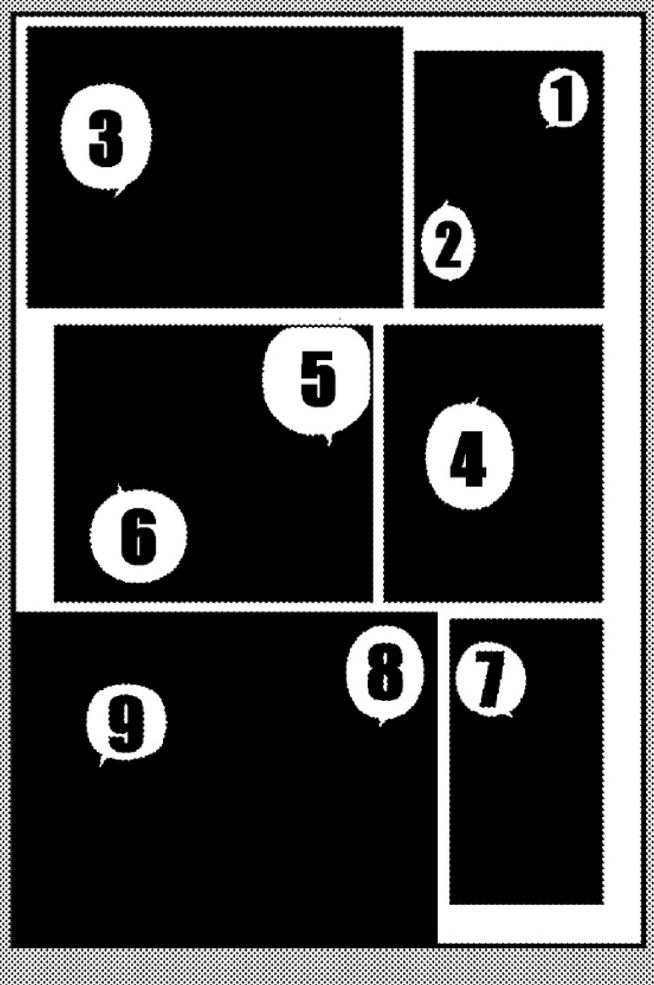

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